Ancestors of Danny Keith Willits

Generation No. 1

1. Danny Keith Willits, born 14 October 1949 in Ft. Madison, Lee Co., IA. He was the son of **2. Raymond Leonard Willits** and **3. Mary Elizabeth Ackerman**. He married **(1) Bonnie Jean Ross**. She was born 21 September 1951.

Generation No. 2

2. Raymond Leonard Willits, born 21 February 1904 in Farmington, Van Buren Co., IA; died 27 June 1960 in Ft. Madison, Lee Co., IA. He was the son of **4. George L. Willits** and **5. Zena Folker**. He married **3. Mary Elizabeth Ackerman**.

3. Mary Elizabeth Ackerman, born 23 September 1908.

More About Raymond Leonard Willits:
Burial: Ft. Madison, Lee Co., IA

More About Mary Elizabeth Ackerman:
Burial: Ft. Madison, Lee Co., IA

Children of Raymond Willits and Mary Ackerman are:

1
- i. Danny Keith Willits, born 14 October 1949 in Ft. Madison, Lee Co., IA; married Bonnie Jean Ross.
- ii. Betty Jane Willits, born 12 August 1935; married John Perryman.
- iii. Robert Dean Willits, born 27 September 1939; married Lynn Larkin.

Generation No. 3

4. George L. Willits, born December 1867; died 1939. He was the son of **8. Albert Sinks Willits** and **9. Jane Beck**. He married **5. Zena Folker**.

5. Zena Folker, born 24 October 1872; died 04 November 1947. She was the daughter of **10. Joseph Rittner Folker** and **11. Hannah Malinda Ross**.

More About George L. Willits:
Burial: Mt. Pleasant, Henry Co., IA

Children of George Willits and Zena Folker are:

2
- i. Raymond Leonard Willits, born 21 February 1904 in Farmington, Van Buren Co., IA; died 27 June 1960 in Ft. Madison, Lee Co., IA; married Mary Elizabeth Ackerman.
- ii. Aletha M. Willits, born March 1897; died 1984; married Johnny Hicks; died 1980.
- iii. Donald Willits, died 1964.

Generation No. 4

8. Albert Sinks Willits, born 14 December 1841 in Wayne Co., IN; died 08 April 1910 in Farmington, Van Buren Co., IA. He was the son of **16. Robert Willits** and **17. Sarah J. Beard**. He married **9. Jane Beck** 19 December 1860.

9. Jane Beck, born 14 January 1840 in Miami Co., OH; died 28 August 1920 in Clarinda, Page Co., IA. She was the daughter of **18. Leonard Beck** and **19. Caroline Sherwood**.

Notes for Albert Sinks Willits:
This obituary was taken from the Farmington "News-Republican" dated April 14, 1910.

A.S. Willits
(Albert Sinks Willits)

A.S. Willits was born in Wayne county, Ind.,--Dec. 14, 1841. His parents came to Iowa in the fall of 1842, stopping in the vicinity of Farmington. They remained there but a short time, moving from there to Vernon Prairie.

He was married to Miss Jane beck in 1861 and some two years later they moved to their new home near Willits Station, where they toiled in life's rugged way for forty-six years. Here their children were born, six in number. Two died in infancy; four still survive: John B., Robert E., George L., and Sarah M., now Mrs. Rastofer, of Farmington. There were thirteen grand-children in all---three are now in Heaven.

Robert Willits, the father of A.S., had ten children, but now they are all gone, A.S. being the last to quit this life.

Mr. Willits had been in poor health for sixteen years. On their trip, last fall to the far west, he said to his wife, "If anything happens, that is, if I should die, start back home with me," thinking then that death might overtake him most any time. During his last sickness he said he was ready to go.

He moved to Farmington in Jan. 1910, and died April 8, 1910, at the age of 68 years, 3 months and 25 days.

A short service was held at the residence at 10 a.m. Sunday April 10, after which the remains were taken to Story Chapel, where a very large number of neighbors and friends had congregated to join in the service at 2 p.m. Both services were conducted by Rev. J.W. Carson. The remains were laid to rest in the Thompson Cemetery.

More About Albert Sinks Willits:
Burial: 10 April 1910, Thompson Cemetery, Van Buren Co., IA

Notes for Jane Beck:
Obiutary for Jane (Beck) Willits

Credit for the following obituary is not available.

A BELOVED MOTHER PASSES AWAY

The Final Summons Came Saturday, August 28th.

Miss Jane Beck, daughter of Leonard and Caroline Beck was born in Miami County, Ohio, June 14th 1840 (This should be January 14, 1840). When a small child she came west with her parents and lived in Farmington the first winter after arrival. Then they located near Mt. Sterling, Iowa, where she grew to womanhood and was married to Mr. Albert Sinks Willitts on December 19, 1860. He departed this life April 8th 1910. They had made their home for 48 years and reared their children on a farm six miles west of Farmington, Iowa. In 1872 the present line of the C.B. & K.C. Ry., was built through their farm and a station establilshed near there and named Willitts Station in their honor. They lived on the farm there until Christmas time 1909, when they purchased a home in Farmington and moved there.

Mr. Willitts was now in failing health and only lived a short time in their new home. Mrs. Willitts continued to occupy the home until February 1917, when the inroads of disease made such progress and a life of strenuous actvity and severe labor of farm life had taken so heavy a toll off her stock of vigor and mental vitality that mind gave away and she could no longer care for herself so she was taken to the home of Mrs. Sarah Rastofer, her only daughter at Clarinda, Iowa. Here all was done for her care and comfort that medical skill, professional nursing and an only daughters earnest solicitude could do to mitigate her mental affliction and relieve her physical suffering. No personal care nor monetary expense was omitted in the effort of her children to make comfortable her declining years. But it was manifest that only death could release her from her mental thralldom. This release came on August 28th, 1920, at Clarinda, Iowa.

She was the mother of six children two of whom died in infancy those surviving are John B., of Farmington, Iowa; Robt. E. of Bonaparte, Iowa; Geo. L., of Minnesota and Mrs. Sarah M. Rastofer of Clarinda, Iowa; along with eleven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Two sisters Mrs. Nancy Willitts of Livermore, California; Almira Smith of Nevada and one brother George Beck of Livermore, California; all of whom mourn their loss as

does also a host of old friends and former associates. She was a woman of strong charachter and true pioneer spirit. No labor was to hard no task too arduous no danger too great, if it was necessary to success for her to face or do in her earlier years in order to build up her home. Every ready night or day to go to a neighbor to help in sickness or need. Hospitable to all comers with a frontier prodigality. Her home a model of neatness and order. Cleanliness was a passion with her and dust an abhorrence.

Her call to rest came at the ripe age of 80 years, 7 months and 14 days. Her body was by train conveyed to Farmington arriving 9 a.m., August 31st and by automobile escorted to Story Chapel where funeral services were held at 11 a.m., in charge of Rev. R.W. Luce of Mt. Sterling, Iowa, assisted by Eld. Jas. McKiernan of Farmington, Iowa.

The interment followed at the Thompson Cemetery.

More About Jane Beck:
Burial: Thompson Cemetery, Van Buren Co., IA

Children of Albert Willits and Jane Beck are:

i. John Beard Willits, born 20 August 1863 in Willits Station, Van Buren Co., IA; died 16 September 1939 in Farmington, Van Buren Co., IA; married Eliza Cummings 19 November 1885 in Bonaparte, Van Buren, Co., IA; born 10 December 1862 in Van Buren, Co., IA; died 02 January 1952 in Kahoka, Clark Co., MO.

Notes for John Beard Willits:
The following obituary was taken from "Gate City Tri-State News", Keokuk, Iowa, dated September 19, 1939.

WILLITS RITES HELD MONDAY AT FARMINGTON

AGED VAN BUREN MAN DIED SATURDAY

(Gate City Tri-State News)

FARMINGTON, Iowa, Sept. 19

--Funeral services for John B. Willits, 76, who died at his home here Saturday evening, were held from the Story Chapel Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with the Rev. Dale Nicholson officiating. Burial was in a rural cemetery.

Mr. Willits had been in failing health for several years and had been in a critical condition in recent weeks.

A son of Albert and Jane Beck Willits, he was born near Willits Station in Van Buren county, August 20, 1863. He and Mrs. Willits retired from farm work about 23 years ago and moved to Farmington.

Surviving are his widow; two sons, Albert of Farmington, and Noah of Wappello; one daughter, Mrs. E.L. Weaver of Kahoka, Mo., who helped care for her father during his last illness; four grandchildren, Mrs. William Martin of Fort Madison, Mrs. Francis Moline of Farmington, and Harold and Howard Brewster of Providence, R.I.; two brothers, Robert Willits of near Farmington, and George Willits of Mt. Pleasant; one sister, Mrs. Henry Rastofer of Clarinda, Iowa, and several nieces and nephews.

The following obituary was taken from the "Van Buren Record", Bonaparte, Iowa, dated September 21, 1939.

JOHN BEARD WILLITS

John Beard Willits, son of Albert S. and Jane Beck Willits was born at Willits Station, Van Buren county, Iowa, on August 20, 1863, and died at his home in Farmington, Iowa, on Sept. 16, 1939, aged 76 years and 26 days.

On Nov. 19 1885, he was united in marriage to Eliza Cummings, and to this union were born three children: Albert A. Willits of Farmington; Noah J. Willits of Wappello, Iowa; and Edna J. Weaver of Kahoka, Mo.

Besides his wife and children, he leaves two granddaughters, Mrs. W.J. Martin of Ft. Madison and Mrs. F.D. Moline of Farmington; two grandsons, Howard Brewster of Providence, Rhode Island, and Harold Brerwster of New London, Conn; two great grandchildren Dale Martin and Bernard Moline; also two brothers and one sister, Robert E. Willits of Bonaparte, George L. Willits of Mt. Pleasant, and Sarah Rastofer of Clarinda, Iowa, also other relatives and friends.

He lived all his life in Van Buren county and was a successful farmer, retiring from the farm in Vernon township in 1916, and locating in Farmington. He was a man who loved his home and although not a member of any church, spent much time reading the Bible and was a devoted husband. Six months ago he was stricken with an ailment which lasted until his death. He was ever thoughtful of his faithful wife who tenderly cared for him until the end.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at two o'clock at Story Chapel near his former home on the farm, Rev. Dale Nicholson officating. Interment in Thompson cemetery.

More About John Beard Willits:
Burial: Thompson Cemetery, Van Buren Co., IA

Notes for Eliza Cummings:
Credit for the following obituary is not available.

MRS. ELIZA WILLITS

Mrs. Eliza Cummings Willits daughter of Alec and Harriet Corwin Cummings was born December 10, 1862, in Van Buren County Iowa and passed into Eternity at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edna Weaver in Kahoka, Missouri, January 2, 1952.

She was united in marriage to John B. Willits on November 19, 1885, and to this union was born three children, Albert A. of Farmington, Noah J., Fort Madison and Mrs. Edna Weaver of Kahoka, Missouri. She also has four grandchildren, Mrs. Beatrice Martin of Charles City, Mrs. Berneice Moline of Farmington, Harold and Howard Brewster of Providence, R.I. There are also eight great grand children.

Mrs. Willits was the fourth child in her father's family of seven children, all of whom have preceded her in death; her brothers, William, Robert, James, Thomas and Elec, one sister, Mrs. Ray Simmons, all of Bonaparte vicinity, except Elec, who died at Long Beach, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Willits started their married life on a farm five miles out of Bonaparte with high idealism creating a lovely haven for their family and hospitable retreat for their relatives and friends. Years of devotion and honest living enriched their lives and inspired their children with the grandeur of home consecrted by parental devotion. After the children left home, Mr. and Mrs. Willits retired in 1917 to a home in Farmington, Iowa, where they lived peacefully, reaping the rewards of a fruitful life, going hand in hand into their decliing years, until God called Mr. Willits to his Eternal Home, Sept. 16, 1939.

Mrs. Willits was a true mother, wife, friend and neighbor and will be greatly missed.

Funeral services were held Friday, at 2:00 p.m. in the Nazarene church with Rev. Faye Marriott officiating and Rev. J.S. Ellis assisting. Burial in the Thompson cemetery.

Passing out of the shadow,
Into pure light
Stepping behind the curtain
Getting a clearer sight.
Laying aside the burden
This weary mortal coil
Tired of earthly play things

Heartsick and ready to sleep,
Ready to bid our friends farewell
Wondering why they weep
Passing out of the shadows
Into eternal day
Why do they call it dying,
This sweet going away.

More About Eliza Cummings:
Burial: Thompson Cemetery, Van Buren Co., IA

ii. Robert Eli Willits, born 28 February 1866 in Vernon Prarie, Van Buren Co., IA; died 16 November 1946; married Mary "Mollie" Cathrine Lineaweaver 15 October 1891; born 02 December 1870 in Bonaparte, Van Buren Co., Iowa; died April 1933.
iii. Sarah Malinda Willits, born October 1869; died 18 April 1953 in Clarinda, IA; married John Henry Rastofer; born April 1863; died 05 April 1943 in Clarinda, Page Co., IA.

More About John Henry Rastofer:
Burial: Clarinda Cemetery, Clarinda, IA

iv. Mary S. Willits, born 1881.
4 v. George L. Willits, born December 1867; died 1939; married Zena Folker.

10. Joseph Rittner Folker, born 07 February 1838 in Liverpoole, Perry Co., PA; died 29 March 1920 in Clark Co., MO. He was the son of **20. Geroge W. Folker** and **21. Elizabeth Huggins**. He married **11. Hannah Malinda Ross** 09 January 1868 in Acasto, Clark Co., MO.

11. Hannah Malinda Ross, born 15 March 1850 in Possibily in Monongalia Co., VA (now WV); died 10 July 1920 in Kahoka, Clark Co., MO. She was the daughter of **22. Aaron Ross** and **23. Mary ?**.

Notes for Joseph Rittner Folker:
There is a discepancy as to the birth date and birth location of Joseph Folker. His obituary states that he was born February 8, 1836 in Liverpool, PA. The obituary also states that he died at the age of 84 years, 1 month, and 21 days which corresponds with the obituary date. Joseph Folker's grave stone gives his birth date as February 7, 1838. A hand written note by my mother states that he was born in Harrisburg, PA. I am currently using the grave stone date in my data base records.

More About Joseph Rittner Folker:
Burial: Christy Cemetery, Clark Co., MO

More About Hannah Malinda Ross:
Burial: 14 July 1920, Christy Cemetery, Clark Co., MO
Religion: Methodist Episcopal Church

Children of Joseph Folker and Hannah Ross are:

i. Alice Folker, born 08 December 1868; died 1950; married Charlie Heath.
ii. Fred E. Folker, born 26 September 1870; died 1952; married Anna V. Dickson.
5 iii. Zena Folker, born 24 October 1872; died 04 November 1947; married George L. Willits.
iv. John C. Folker, born 03 October 1874; died February 1943; married Dorothy ?.
v. Evelyn M. Folker, born 22 April 1877; died 11 July 1941; married Ora Hassler; born 21 February 1880; died 13 November 1943.
vi. Lillian Maude Folker, born 28 March 1883 in Clark Co., MO; died 02 July 1974 in Donnellson, Lee Co., IA; married Albert Alexander Willits 24 December 1908 in Mt. Sterling, Van Buren Co., IA; born 07 September 1886 in Bonaparte, Van Buren Co., IA; died 06 June 1967 in Quincy, Adams Co., IL.

Notes for Lillian Maude Folker:
No credit is available for the following obituary.

LILLIE WILLITS

Lillie Willits, 91, of Farmington, passed away Tuesday, July 2, at 3:45 p.m. in the Donnellson Manor Nursing Home following a lengthly illness.

Born March 28, 1883 in Clark county, Missouri, she was the daughter of Joseph and Hannah Ross Folker.

She married Albert A. Willits on Dec. 24, 1908 at Mt. Sterling, Ia. He passed away in 1967.

Mrs. Willits spent her entire life in the Farmington area. She was a member of the United Methodist church, Farmington, and a charter member of the first Women's Organization of the church.

Surviving are twin daughters: Mrs. W.J. (Beatrice) Martin of Charles City, Iowa and Mrs. Roy L. (Berniece) Hill of Quincy, Ill.; three grandsons - Dale Martin of Racine, Wisc., Bernard Moline of Quincy, Ill, and Dr. L.D. Moline of Fort Collins, Colo; and eight great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and four sisters.

The funeral service will be Friday, July 5, at 10 a.m. in the United Methodist church, Farmington. The Reverends Harold Shirm and Scott Holmes will officiate. Burial will be in Greenglade cemetery, Farmington. The body is at the Miller-Hofbauer Funeral Home. A memorial has been set up for the Cemetery Association.

More About Lillian Maude Folker:
Burial: Greenglade Cemetery, Farmington, IA
Religion: Methodist

Notes for Albert Alexander Willits:
No credit is available for the following obituary. It possibly came from a newspaper in Quincy, Illinois.

Albert A. Willits

Albert A. Willits of Farmington, Ia., died Tuesday morning at 4:45 in Blessing hospital. He had been ill for two months. He was the father of Mrs. Roy L. (Berniece) Hill of 10 East Hilltop. He had been a patient in the hospital since May 17.

Mr. Willits was born at Bonaparte, Ia., Sept. 7, 1886, the eldest son of John and Eliza Cummings Willits. He lived his entire life in or near Farmington. He was a carpenter and operated the Farmington shoe repair shop since 1955. He was a member of the Farmington Methodist church and gave many hours of work in the building of a new church to replace the church which burned in 1951.

He was married to Lillie Folker Dec. 24, 1908, at Mt. Sterling, Ia.

Surviving is the widow; twin daughters, Mrs. W.J. (Beatrice) Martin of Charles City, Ia., and Mrs. Hill of Quincy; a sister, Mrs. E. L. Weaver of Providence, R.I.; a brother, Noah J. Willits of Canon City, Colo; three grandsons, Dale Martin of Racine, Wis., Bernard Moline of Quincy and Larry Moline in the air force, and five great-grand-children.

Funeral services will be held Thursday morning in the Methodist church in Farmington, with the Rev. Harold Schurm officiating.

More About Albert Alexander Willits:
Burial: Greenglade Cemetery, Farmington, IA
Occupation: Farmer, Carpenter, Shoe Repair
Religion: Methodist

vii. Gertrude Folker, born 01 April 1886; died 10 October 1971.

More About Gertrude Folker:
Burial: Christy Cemetery, Clark Co., MO

Generation No. 5

16. Robert Willits, born 02 October 1798 in Pennsylvania; died 27 September 1869 in Van Buren, Co., IA. He was the son of **32. Levi Willits** and **33. Rachel Field**. He married **17. Sarah J. Beard** 01 February 1820 in Wayne Co., IN.

17. Sarah J. Beard, born 11 May 1805 in Probably Randolph Co., NC ; one reference says SC; died 13 March 1885 in Van Buren Co., IA. She was the daughter of **34. John Beard, Jr.** and **35. Mary Wright**.

Notes for Robert Willits:
Lived in Wayne County, Indiana for about 20 years and moved to Van Buren County, Iowa in the fall of 1842.

More About Robert Willits:
Burial: Thompson Cemetery, Van Buren Co., IA
Will: 27 September 1869, Van Buren Co., IA

More About Sarah J. Beard:
Burial: Thompson Cemetery, Van Buren Co., IA

Children of Robert Willits and Sarah Beard are:

i. John Willits, born 23 August 1823.

ii. Rachel Willits, born 23 March 1826 in Wayne Co., IN; died 07 April 1873; married John Peterie 25 April 1844 in Van Buren Co., IA; born 10 May 1810; died 17 June 1865.

iii. Mary Malinda Willits, born 20 September 1828 in Wayne Co., IN; died 17 May 1882; married Samuel Rabb 01 October 1846 in Van Buren Co., IA; born 07 June 1818; died 17 May 1882.

iv. Minerva Jane Willits, born 01 March 1831 in Wayne Co., IN; married (1) Levi Hayes; married (2) William Kirlin 21 November 1854 in Van Buren Co., IA.

v. Clarinda Ann Willits, born 12 March 1834 in Wayne Co., IN; married (1) Andrew I Hayes 23 February 1854; married (2) Charles Swartz 04 February 1856.

vi. Isaac Noble Willits, born 26 October 1836 in Wayne Co., IN; died 30 September 1902 in Livermore, CA; married Nancy Beck 27 November 1856 in Van Buren Co., IA; born 08 January 1838 in Perry Co., OH; died February 1923 in Los Angles, CA.

More About Isaac Noble Willits:
Burial: Roselawn Memoral Park, Livermore, CA

vii. Eli Wright Willits, born 17 October 1838 in Wayne Co., IN; died 07 May 1893; married Nancy M Craig 13 September 1870 in Van Buren Co., IA; born 08 August 1850 in Clarion Co., PA; died 19 February 1881.

More About Eli Wright Willits:
Burial: Thompson Cemetery, Van Buren Co., IA

Notes for Nancy M Craig:
Nancy Craig Willits' tombstone at Thompson Cemetery reads:
Nannie M.
Wife of E. W. Willits
Born Aug. 8, 1850
Died Feb. 19, 1881
Gone, but not forgotten

More About Nancy M Craig:
Burial: Thompson Cemetery, Van Buren Co., IA

8 viii. Albert Sinks Willits, born 14 December 1841 in Wayne Co., IN; died 08 April 1910 in Farmington, Van Buren Co., IA; married Jane Beck 19 December 1860.

ix. Robert Monroe Willits, born 26 October 1844; died 11 June 1846 in Died in infancy.

x. Hiram Willits, born 05 February 1821 in Wayne Co., IN; died 27 March 1892 in San Francisco, CA; married Margaret Johnson 13 March 1844 in Van Buren Co., IA; born 11 August 1827 in Ohio; died 13 November 1902 in Willits, CA.

Notes for Hiram Willits:
Obituary for Hiram S. Willits

MENDOCINO DISPATCH DEMOCRAT Friday April 1, 1892 Pg. 2 Col. 5
ANOTHER PIONEER GONE
HIRAM WILLITS DIES IN SAN FRANCISCO WHILE ON A VISIT THERE

The citizens of this place as well as of the county at large were considerably shocked last Sunday to learn of the death of Hiram Willits of Willits which occurred at the Russ House, San Francisco, early that morning.

For many years deceased had been a great sufferer from asthma and during the past winter has been afflicted to an unusual degree with it. A couple of weeks ago he went to San Francisco, accompanied by his wife, to try to secure relief by medical treatment. He continued to grow worse and on Sunday morning he breathed his last. Asthma affected his heart very badly, and we are informed that the-immediate cause of his death was heart disease. The body of deceased, accompanied by the suffering widow and a niece, was brought up on Monday's train and taken to Willits, where on Tuesday it was interred in Sawyers cemetery, being followed to its last resting place by his bereaved wife, brother-in-law, two nephews and a large concourse of friends.

Hiram Willits was born in Wayne county, Indiana, February 5, 1821. Accompanied by his wife he came across the plains to California in 1850 and settled at Rough and Ready, near Hang Town, going into the hotel business. In 1854 he moved to Colusa county and began farming and stock raising, remaining there until 1857 when he came to Mendocino and settled in Little Lake Valley, on the ranch he has ever since made his home. He began merchandising in 1865, his store being the nucleus of the little town that bears his name. He was postmaster at Willits for over twenty years. He was elected supervisor in 1860 and held that office for two terms of two years each. He was again elected to the same office in 1872 and served for four years. At the time of his death he was a member of the Willits board of town trustees. He has always been a public spirited citizen and has always given a helping hand to local enterprise. The ranch which he owned in partnership with his brother-in-law, 0. Johnson, is one of the finest in the county. Deceased was an admirer of fine stock, both cattle and horses, and raised some of the fastest thoroughbred stock in the state. He was a man of strict integrity and sterling honesty, considering his word as good as his bond and it was with all who knew him. In his death Mendocino county loses one of its oldest and best pioneers. He was married in 1844 to Margaret J. Johnson who survives him. They had no children. To the aged widow will go out the warmest sympathy of a large circle of friends in the county and elsewhere.

More About Hiram Willits:
Burial: Little Lake Cemetery, Willits, CA

Notes for Margaret Johnson:
Obituary of Magaret (Johnson) Willits

The death of Mrs. M. J. Willits, a pioneer, a philanthropist and a noble woman, is genuinely regretted. By her death Mendocino [Co. CA] lost one of those grand characters who blazed the trail. She was born in Ohio in 1827, and married Hiram Willits in 1844. They crossed the plains in 1850, and went to the mines of Nevada county. They remained there a year and then went to Colusa county. From Colusa they came to this valley in 1857. Here husband and wife lived and died. Hiram Willits owned the first store and built the first brick building in town. Fifteen years ago Willits was incorporated under the name of its founder. The surviving members of the family are a brother and sister, who reside in Iowa; T. B. Johnson, a brother, who is city marshal of Willits, and who recently accompanied the deceased on a visit to the old home in Iowa. There are three other original heirs to the property of the deceased, which is valued at about $15,000, and is divided share and share alike. T. B. Johnson is the administrator. The funeral was attended by a large concourse of people. Rev. Harry C. Richardson of the M. E. church officiated.

More About Margaret Johnson:
Burial: Little Lake Cemetery, Willits, CA

18. Leonard Beck, born 10 November 1814 in Westmoreland Co., PA; died 11 January 1890 in Livermore, Alameda Co., CA. He was the son of **36. John Beck** and **37. Mary Ann Bell**. He married **19. Caroline Sherwood** 29 December 1836 in Perry Co., Ohio.

19. Caroline Sherwood, born 10 June 1818 in Perry Co., Ohio; died 07 December 1908 in Livermore, Alameda Co., CA. She was the daughter of **38. John Sherwood** and **39. Esther Babcock**.

Notes for Leonard Beck:
Tombstone reads:
Leonard Beck
Born Westmoreland Co., PA
Died January 11, 1890, age 75 years.
Erected by his wife.

More About Leonard Beck:
Burial: Roselawn Memoral Park, Livermore, CA

More About Caroline Sherwood:
Burial: Roselawn Memoral Park, Livermore, CA

Children of Leonard Beck and Caroline Sherwood are:

i. Nancy Beck, born 08 January 1838 in Perry Co., OH; died February 1923 in Los Angles, CA; married Isaac Noble Willits 27 November 1856 in Van Buren Co., IA; born 26 October 1836 in Wayne Co., IN; died 30 September 1902 in Livermore, CA.

More About Isaac Noble Willits:
Burial: Roselawn Memoral Park, Livermore, CA

9 ii. Jane Beck, born 14 January 1840 in Miami Co., OH; died 28 August 1920 in Clarinda, Page Co., IA; married Albert Sinks Willits 19 December 1860.

iii. John Beck, born 23 June 1842 in Ohio; died 20 December 1917 in San Francisco, CA; married Priscilla (Beck); born 16 March 1840 in Ohio; died 07 July 1909 in Livermore, Alameda Co., CA.

More About John Beck:
Burial: Roselawn Memoral Park, Livermore, CA

More About Priscilla (Beck):
Burial: Roselawn Memoral Park, Livermore, CA

iv. Almaira Beck, born 03 March 1844; died 26 April 1928; married James George Smith 28 November 1863 in Washoe City, Washoe Co., NV; born 11 March 1837; died 14 May 1923.

v. George Beck, born 1853 in Indiana; died 1925 in Livermore, Alameda Co., CA; married Florence L. (Beck); born 1858 in IN; died 1927 in CA.

More About George Beck:
Burial: Memory Gardens Cemetery, Livermore, CA

More About Florence L. (Beck):
Burial: Memory Gardens Cemetery, Livermore, CA

20. Geroge W. Folker, born 11 April 1796; died 31 October 1850. He married **21. Elizabeth Huggins.**
21. Elizabeth Huggins, born 16 August 1798; died 03 January 1874.

More About Geroge W. Folker:
Burial: Christy Cemetery, Clark Co., MO

More About Elizabeth Huggins:
Burial: Christy Cemetery, Clark Co., MO

Children of Geroge Folker and Elizabeth Huggins are:

10 i. Joseph Rittner Folker, born 07 February 1838 in Liverpoole, Perry Co., PA; died 29 March 1920 in Clark Co., MO; married Hannah Malinda Ross 09 January 1868 in Acasto, Clark Co., MO.

ii. Cyrus N. Folker, born 26 January 1836 in Perry Co., PA; married Sarah A. Perry 1870.

iii. Mary Folker, married ? Huggins.

iv. George W. Folker, Jr.

v. Charles Folker

vi. Catherine Folker, married C. Blatterman.

vii. William Folker, born 08 November 1828; died 27 March 1899; married Elizabeth; born 24 September 1832; died 13 June 1901.

viii. Ambrose Folker, born 06 January 1833; died 15 March 1895.

More About Ambrose Folker:
Burial: Christy Cemetery, Clark Co., MO

ix. John H. Folker, born 20 November 1820; died 23 October 1899; married Matilda Ross; born Abt. 1839 in Possibily in Monongalia Co., VA (now WV); died 14 April 1892.

More About John H. Folker:
Burial: Christy Cemetery, Clark Co., MO

More About Matilda Ross:
Burial: Christy Cemetery, Clark Co., MO

22. Aaron Ross, born 26 December 1806 in Possibily in Greene Co., Pennsylvania; died 26 August 1870 in Vernon Twp., Van Buren Co., IA. He married **23. Mary ?** Abt. 1835.

23. Mary ?, born 14 October 1813 in Virginia (now West Virginia); died 28 March 1894 in Van Buren Co., Iowa.

Notes for Aaron Ross:
The 1850 Federal Census for the 37th District of Monongalia County, Virginia (Now West Virginia) list on page 363, beginning with line 5 the following informaiton:

Aaron Ross, 45 year old male as a farmer and born in Penn.
Mary Ross, 37 year old female and born in Virginia
George Ross, 18 year old male as a farmer and born in Penn.
John Ross, 17 year old male as a farmer and born in Penn.
Samuel Ross, 14 year old male and born in Virginia
Abraham Ross, 13 year old male and born in Virginia
Matilda Ross, 12 year old female and born in Virginia
Aaron Ross, 10 year old male and born in Virginia
Eliza J. Ross, 4 year old female and born in Virginia

For some reason Hannah Malianda Ross who was born on15 March 1850 is not shown on this census.

More About Aaron Ross:
Burial: Blackledge Cemetery, Van Buren Co., IA

More About Mary ?:
Burial: Blackledge Cemetery, Van Buren Co., IA

Children of Aaron Ross and Mary ? are:

i. Sampson Ross, born Abt. 1836 possibily in Monongalia Co., VA (now WV).
ii. Samuel Ross, born 06 June 1836 possibily in Monongalia Co., VA (now WV); died 25 March 1881; married Mary Margaret Locke 1859; born 11 September 1838 in Montgomery Co, VA; died 08 January 1922 in Farmington, Van Buren Co., IA.

More About Samuel Ross:
Burial: Anson, MO

iii. Abraham Ross, born Abt. 1838 possibily in Monongalia Co., VA (now WV).
iv. Matilda Ross, born Abt. 1839 possibily in Monongalia Co., VA (now WV); died 14 April 1892; married John H. Folker; born 20 November 1820; died 23 October 1899.

More About Matilda Ross:
Burial: Christy Cemetery, Clark Co., MO

More About John H. Folker:
Burial: Christy Cemetery, Clark Co., MO

v. Aaron Ross, born Abt. 1844 possibily in Monongalia Co., VA (now WV); married Hannah Cavitt.
vi. Elizabeth "Eliza" J. Ross, born 15 May 1847 in Possibily in Monongalia Co., VA (now WV); died 27 October 1920; married William Cochran; born 01 March 1844; died 24 July 1924.

More About Elizabeth "Eliza" J. Ross:
Burial: Blackledge Cemetery, Van Buren Co., IA

More About William Cochran:
Burial: Blackledge Cemetery, Van Buren Co., IA

11 vii. Hannah Malinda Ross, born 15 March 1850 possibily in Monongalia Co., VA (now WV); died 10 July 1920 in Kahoka, Clark Co., MO; married Joseph Rittner Folker 09 January 1868 in Acasto, Clark Co., MO.

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32. Levi Willits, born 29 December 1777 in Catawissa, Columbia Co., PA or Northumberland, PA; died 05 March 1828 in Green's Fork, Wayne Co., IN. He was the son of **64. Isaac Willits** and **65. Elizabeth Wilson?**. He married **33. Rachel Field** 02 November 1797.

33. Rachel Field, born 15 February 1780 in Abington Twp, Philadelphia Co., PA; died 10 March 1851 in Wayne Co., IN. She was the daughter of **66. Robert Field** and **67. Phebe Comly**.

Notes for Levi Willits:
Levi was one of four brotherswho came to Wayne County, Indiana, early, and with their sisters and families settled in the south part of Wayne County. They formed the Willits settlement which was mostly in what is now Washington Township, Wayne County.
He married on November 2, 1797, Rachel Field, the daughter of Robert and Phoebe Field. Rachel was "disowned" from the Quaker Meeting for marrying outside of the Quaker faith.
Levi served in the militia from Wayne County during the war of 1812.

More About Levi Willits:
Burial: Franklin Cemetery, Wayne Co., IN

More About Rachel Field:
Burial: Franklin Cemetery, Wayne Co., IN

Children of Levi Willits and Rachel Field are:

16 i. Robert Willits, born 02 October 1798 in Pennsylvania; died 27 September 1869 in Van Buren, Co., IA; married Sarah J. Beard 01 February 1820 in Wayne Co., IN.

ii. William Willits, born 03 March 1800; died 24 May 1850 in Wayne Co., IN; married Mary Fix 08 September 1825; born 18 December 1805 in 5/20/1858.

More About William Willits:
Burial: Franklin Cemetery, Wayne Co., IN

iii. Mary "Polly" Willits, born 06 March 1803; died 20 August 1869 in Wayne Co., IN; married Caleb Lewis 02 October 1819 in Wayne Co., IN; born 22 February 1793; died 24 February 1870 in Wayne Co., IN.

More About Mary "Polly" Willits:
Burial: Franklin Cemetery, Wayne Co., IL

More About Caleb Lewis:
Burial: Franklin Cemetery, Wayne Co., IL

iv. Sarah Willits, born 12 June 1806 in Ohio; died 13 November 1880 in Dublin, Wayne Co., IN; married James Congleton Scott; born 19 August 1797 in Bourbon Co., KY; died 18 July 1854 in Wayne Co., IN.

v. Vashti Willits, born 24 September 1808 in Ohio; married John Ellison Dunham 26 September 1826.

vi. Hiram Willits, born 1815; died 19 July 1818 in Wayne Co., IN.

More About Hiram Willits:
Burial: Franklin Cemetery, Wayne Co., IL

vii. Melissa Willits, born 05 June 1818.

viii. James Monroe Willits, born 05 June 1818 in Wayne Co., IN; died 08 April 1906 in New Boston, Mercer Co., IL; married (1) Sarah Ann Meyers 29 September 1840 in Wayne Co., IN; died 23 September 1849 in New Boston, Mercer Co., IL; married (2) Sarah Augusta Prouty 27 June 1850; born 30 April 1832 in Spencer, MA; died 05 December 1895 in New Boston, Mercer Co., IL.

ix. Waldo Willits, born 1820; died 30 July 1823 in Wayne Co., IN.

More About Waldo Willits:
Burial: Franklin Cemetery, Wayne Co., IL

34. John Beard, Jr., born 02 August 1780 in Randolph Co., NC; died 13 February 1859. He was the son of **68. John Beard, Sr.** and **69. Martha ?**. He married **35. Mary Wright** 1803 in Carolina.

35. Mary Wright, born in Hagerstown, MD; died 16 October 1860 in Milton, IN. She was the daughter of **70. Philbert Wright III** and **71. Elizabeth Reagan**.

Notes for John Beard, Jr.:
John Beard, Jr. was born in North Carolina, August 2, 1780. His parents emigrated from Londonderry, Ireland, and settled in North Carolina, in 1803; removed with two children to Tennessee, and thence, a year after, in 1806, to Indiania, a few miles below Hunt's settlement, now in Union county, and in October, 1811, to the present township of Harrison, cutting his road a part of the way through the wilderness, and driving his team with his family and household goods, and a cow and a calf, without assistance. He had a full measure of the experience of pioneer life. He is represented as having been an honest, industrious, and estimable citizen. He was for a time a member of the Christian society at Jacksonburgh, and one of their preachers; and at a later period embraced the Universalist faith. He is spoken by one who knew him well, as a "patriot and a true lover of his country, at all times manifesting a deep interest of our free institutions; and that in the faithful dischargeof his duties as a husband, a parent, and a neighbor, "he left behind him an example worthy to be followed." He died February 13, 1859, in his 79th year. Being a member of Hall of Milton Lodge of Free Masons, he was buried with the usual Masonic cermonies on February 15th. His wife survived him less than two years. She died at Milton, October 16, 1860, in her 81st year. She proved a valuable helpmeet to her husband amidst the hardships and privations of pioneer life, and possessed in a high degree those qualities which adorn the female character, and which fitted her so well for the discharge of her social and domestic duties.

More About John Beard, Jr.:
Burial: 15 February 1858

Children of John Beard and Mary Wright are:

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- i. Sarah J. Beard, born 11 May 1805 in Probably Randolph Co., NC ; one reference says SC; died 13 March 1885 in Van Buren Co., IA; married Robert Willits 01 February 1820 in Wayne Co., IN.
- ii. John Beard
- iii. Jane Beard, born 09 December 1805.
- iv. Isaac Noble Beard, born 16 May 1808 in North Carolina; married Matilda Swope 31 March 1833; born 19 October 1814 in Pennsylvania; died 11 February 1871.
- v. Martha Beard
- vi. Eli Beard
- vii. Philbert Beard
- viii. Mary W. Beard, married Jacob Sinks 22 December 1836 in Wayne Co., IN.
- ix. Melinda K. Beard, married Henry C. Justice 22 March 1844 in Wayne Co., IN.

36. John Beck, born 21 November 1785 in Hempfield, Westmoreland, Co., PA; died 07 September 1853 in Ohio. He was the son of **72. Leonard Bek** and **73. Susanne Deeter**. He married **37. Mary Ann Bell**.

37. Mary Ann Bell, born 01 February 1792; died 01 February 1834 in Ohio.

More About John Beck:
Burial: New Lebanon Evangelical Lutheran Church Cemerery, Junction City, Perry Co., OH

More About Mary Ann Bell:
Burial: New Lebanon Evangelical Lutheran Church Cemerery, Junction City, Perry Co., OH

Children of John Beck and Mary Bell are:

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- i. Leonard Beck, born 10 November 1814 in Westmoreland Co., PA; died 11 January 1890 in Livermore, Alameda Co., CA; married Caroline Sherwood 29 December 1836 in Perry Co., Ohio.
- ii. George Beck, born 22 January 1819; died 16 November 1897; married Almaria Hillary; born 18 March 1824; died in Friendship M.E. Church-Linton Church Cemetery, Jackson Twp., Perry Co., OH.

  More About George Beck:
  Burial: Friendship M.E. Church-Linton Church Cemetery, Jackson Twp., Perry Co., OH

iii. Caty Beck, born 01 May 1833; died 01 June 1834.

More About Caty Beck:
Burial: New Lebanon Evangelical Lutheran Church Cemerery, Junction City, Perry Co., OH

38. John Sherwood, born 25 September 1773 in Cornwall, Litchfield Co., Connecticut; died 05 September 1863 in Perry Co., Ohio. He was the son of **76. Ebenezer Sherwood** and **77. Hannah Bradford**. He married **39. Esther Babcock** 21 August 1796 in Litchfield Co., Connecticut.

39. Esther Babcock, born 18 July 1778 in Westerly, RI; died 16 August 1825 in Rushcreek, Twp., Fairfield Co., OH. She was the daughter of **78. Ichabod Babcock II** and **79. Esther Stanton**.

More About John Sherwood:
Burial: Bethel Cemetery, Rushcreek Twp., Fairfield Co., OH

More About Esther Babcock:
Burial: Thompson Cemetery, Rushcreek, Twp., Fairfield Co., OH

Children of John Sherwood and Esther Babcock are:

19 i. Caroline Sherwood, born 10 June 1818 in Perry Co., Ohio; died 07 December 1908 in Livermore, Alameda Co., CA; married Leonard Beck 29 December 1836 in Perry Co., Ohio.
ii. Polly Sherwood, born 20 September 1797 in Perry Co., OH.
iii. Hannah Sherwood, born Abt. 1799 in Perry Co., OH; died in Des Moines, Polk, Co., IA.
iv. Anna Sherwood, born Abt. 1801 in Perry Co., OH.
v. Anstice Sherwood, born 15 July 1803 in Perry Co., OH.
vi. Catherine Sherwood, born Abt. 1805 in Perry Co., OH.
vii. John Bradford Sherwood, born 1811 in Perry Co., OH.
viii. Sarah Sherwood, born Abt. 1813 in Perry Co., OH.
ix. Nancy Sherwood, born Abt. 1815 in Perry Co., OH.
x. Parny Sherwood, born Abt. 1817 in Perry Co., OH.
xi. Stephen Sherwood, born 15 July 1821 in Perry Co., OH.

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64. Isaac Willits, born Abt. 1730 in Old Westbury, Long Island, NY; died 17 October 1784 in Catawissa, Northumberland Co., PA. He was the son of **128. Thomas Willits** and **129. Rachel Powell**. He married **65. Elizabeth Wilson?** Abt. 1761 in Pennsylvania.

65. Elizabeth Wilson?, died Abt. 1781.

Notes for Isaac Willits:
Isaac Willits was born about 1728 at Secatague (now Islip), Long Island, New York. His father moved to Pennsylvania in 1736, taking Isaac and some of brothers and sisters with him.

In 1760, Isaac Willits married in (probably) Berks County (now either Berks or Schuykill County) Elizabeth (b. circa 1730). They lived in the Blue Mountain area, and later established a household in New Brunswick Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

In 1756, Isaac Willits, and his brother John, then in their twenties, were so incensed with the massacre of many of the white settlers, took up arms against the Indians, and they, being members of the Society of Friends, were consequently disowned by the Exeter Monthly Meeting for this breach of discipline (Bartlett, 1982, page 80).

This was more than just a stance to actively resist the Indian raids which were taking their toll on the wilderness settlements and isolated frontier farms. The Exeter for January 27, 1757 show that, "Isaac (was) disowned for joining the militia" (Bartlett, 1982, page 80). Also, there is no record of Isaac Willits ever returning to the Quaker fold.

On April 13, 1771, Isaac Willits and Ellis Hughes, executors of the testament and last will of John Willits, late of New Brunswig (sic) Township in the County of Berks, sold to Godfried Kercher of the same place a tract of land on Mohonon Creek, adjacent to land of James Boone and Burgoon Bird, in August 1764, from Isaiah Willits, Isaac Willits, and Ellis Hughes; he bought an additional 58 acres of land on August 5, 1765, with application number 57

(County Recorder of Deeds, Berks County, Reading, Pennsylvania, Deed Book 7, pages 189-190, recorded March 9, 1780).

(On April 22, 1771) When Isaac purchased 400 acres of land on the west side of the south branch of the Susquehanna River, one mile below the mouth of Fishing Creek, where was an old Indian town (opposite what was later called Hughesburg, then finally Catawissa) on April 22, 1771, he was said to be of Brunswick Township, Berks County (County Recorder of Deeds, page 503, recorded June 26, 1790) Bartlett, 1982, page 69).

When he sold that same tract of land on February 14, 1783, Isaac was said to be of Hereford Township, Berks County (County Recorder of Deeds, Northumberland County, Sunbury, Pennsylvania, Deed Book L, page 306, recorded September 12, 1800)" (Bartlett, page 69).

Isaac Willits died in 1784, in Catawissa in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. Isaac's son, Thomas, received his letter of administration on his father's estate on November 24, 1784. According to Bartlett (1982), there is some doubt as to the children of Isaac Willits (Bartlett, 1982, page 187).

In a document signed on September 20, 1799, the brothers, Samuel, Jesse, Isaac (with wife Rachel), and Isaiah, are named (County Recorder of Deeds, Northumberland County, Sunbury, Pennsylvania, Deed Book L, pages 215-216; Bartlett, 1982, page 78). (These are Isaac Willits' brothers.)

In a document of April 14, 1800, the children of Isaac Willits, deceased, are shown: Thomas, Levi, Ruth (and husband, Edward Thornton), and Isaiah. All were from Mahoning Township, except Isaiah, who was from Catawissa Township (County Recorder of Deeds, Northumberland County, Sunbury, Pennsylvania, Deed Book L, pages 215-216; Bartlett, 1982, page 78).

Children of Isaac Willits and Elizabeth Wilson? are:

i. Thomas Willits, born 12 April 1762 in Berks (now Schuykill), Co., PA; died 29 December 1830 in Grosse Point, Wayne County, Michigan; married Mary Allison 10 December 1782.
ii. Margaret Willits, born Abt. 1764 in Berks (now Schuykill), Co., PA; married James Allison Abt. 1782; died Abt. 1798 in Catawissa, Northumberland Co., PA.
iii. Samuel Willits, born 21 September 1766 in Berks, Co., PA; died 22 October 1842 in Rush Co., IN; married Elizabeth Thornton 30 December 1790.
iv. Isaiah Willits, born 15 September 1768 in Berks, Co., PA; died 03 May 1821 in Catawissa, Columbia Co., PA; married Rachel Hughes 14 September 1793.
v. Jesse Willits, born November 1770 in Brunswick Twp., Berks, Co., PA; died 07 July 1842 in Eliza Twp., Mercer Co., IL; married (1) Susannah Van Horn; died 07 July 1842 in New Boston, Mercer Co., IL; married (2) Sarah Van Horn 1790 in Bucks County, PA; died 1799 in Northumberland Co., PA.
vi. Ruth Willits, born 1772 in Catawissa, Columbia Co., PA; died 1844 in Muscatine, IA; married Edward Thornton; born March 1767; died 10 May 1832.

More About Edward Thornton:
Burial: Greenbrush Cemetery, Lafayette, Tippecanoe Co., IN

vii. Isaac Willits, born 1774 in Berks, Co., PA.
viii. Rachel Willits, born 09 January 1777; died 09 September 1816 in West Grove, Wayne Co., IN; married Isaac Willits.
32 ix. Levi Willits, born 29 December 1777 in Catawissa, Columbia Co., PA or Northumberland, PA; died 05 March 1828 in Green's Fork, Wayne Co., IN; married Rachel Field 02 November 1797.
x. Amos Willits, born 1779.
xi. William Willits, born Abt. 1781 in Northumberland Co., PA; died 12 October 1858 in Green's Fork, Wayne Co., IN; married (1) Mary Lewis 1804; died Bef. 1830; married (2) Jane Burns Dury 04 March 1832 in Wayne Co., IN; born 1781.

66. Robert Field, born 25 July 1750 in Middletown Twp., Bucks Co., PA; died 30 January 1819 in Catawissa, Northumberland Co. (now Columbia Co.), PA. He was the son of **132. Benjamin Field** and **133. Sarah Stevenson**. He married **67. Phebe Comly** Abt. 1773 in Philadelphia Co., PA.

67. Phebe Comly, born 10 December 1758 in Abington, Philadelphia Co., PA; died 26 October 1788 in Abington, Montgomery Co., PA. She was the daughter of **134. Henry Comly** and **135. Rachel Strickland**.

Children of Robert Field and Phebe Comly are:

33 i. Rachel Field, born 15 February 1780 in Abington Twp, Philadelphia Co., PA; died 10 March 1851 in Wayne

Co., IN; married (1) Levi Willits 02 November 1797; married (2) William Getson Kirlin Aft. 1828.
ii. Robert Field, born 24 April 1782 in Abington, Montgomery Co.,; married Susanna Willits; born 05 May 1790 in Brunswick Twp., Berks (now Schuykill) Co., PA; died 07 October 1865 in Washingotn Twp., Union Co., PA.
iii. Benjamin Field, born 19 June 1774 in Abington Twp, Philadelphia Co., PA; died 11 February 1839.
iv. Henry Field, born 24 September 1788 in Montgromery, Abington Twp., PA.
v. Jonathan Field, born 07 June 1785 in Abington Twp, Philadelphia Co., PA.
vi. Mary Field, born 04 March 1778 in Abington Twp, Philadelphia Co., PA.
vii. Sarah Field, born 18 February 1776 in Abington Twp, Philadelphia Co., PA.

68. John Beard, Sr., born Abt. 1745 in Ireland; died 09 September 1809 in Randolph Co., NC. He married **69. Martha ?** in Ireland ?.
69. Martha ?, died 19 June 1816.

More About John Beard, Sr.:
Emigration: 1770, Londonderry, Ireland

Children of John Beard and Martha ? are:
34 i. John Beard, Jr., born 02 August 1780 in Randolph Co., NC; died 13 February 1859; married Mary Wright 1803 in Carolina.
ii. Thomas Beard, born 14 January 1768 in Ireland ?; died 28 July 1830; married Elizabeth Dicks 31 March 1791.
iii. Paterick Beard, born 29 December 1769; died 12 March 1831; married Hannah Woodard ?.
iv. Jane Beard, born 22 February 1772; married Samuel Frazier.
v. Esble Beard
vi. Martha Beard
vii. Sarah Beard, born 02 July 1778; married Joshua Holaday 16 October 1799 in Springfield ?.
viii. Isaac Beard, born 28 January 1783; died 26 May 1799 in Randolph Co., NC; married Matilda.
ix. Jesse Beard, born 29 June 1787; died 19 December 1856; married ? William.
x. William Beard, Sr., born 27 April 1792; died 11 June 1870; married Sarah Mullineaux 21 April 1811; born 18 August 1794; died 24 January 1885.

70. Philbert Wright III, born Abt. 1750; died 1831. He was the son of **140. Philbert Wright II** and **141. ? Emsley/Emslie**. He married **71. Elizabeth Reagan** Abt. 1775.
71. Elizabeth Reagan

Child of Philbert Wright and Elizabeth Reagan is:
35 i. Mary Wright, born in Hagerstown, MD; died 16 October 1860 in Milton, IN; married John Beard, Jr. 1803 in Carolina.

72. Leonard Bek, born 03 August 1760 in Northampton, PA; died 14 March 1831 in Hempfield, Westmoreland, Co., PA. He was the son of **144. John William Bek** and **145. Eva Anna Eshbaugh**. He married **73. Susanne Deeter** 1781.
73. Susanne Deeter, born September 1757.

Children of Leonard Bek and Susanne Deeter are:
i. Adam Beck Beck, born 13 July 1782 in Northampton, PA.
36 ii. John Beck, born 21 November 1785 in Hempfield, Westmoreland, Co., PA; died 07 September 1853 in Ohio; married Mary Ann Bell.
iii. William Beck, born 08 February 1787 in Hempfield, Westmoreland, Co., PA.
iv. Elizabeth Beck, born 25 January 1788 in Hempfield, Westmoreland, Co., PA.
v. Jacob Beck, born 15 March 1790 in Hempfield, Westmoreland, Co., PA.
vi. Michael Beck, born 01 December 1792 in Hempfield, Westmoreland, Co., PA.
vii. Daniel Beck, born 31 May 1793 in Hempfield, Westmoreland, Co., PA.
viii. Susanna Beck, born 06 November 1793 in Hempfield, Westmoreland, Co., PA.
ix. Katherine Beck, born 27 September 1799 in Hempfield, Westmoreland, Co., PA.
x. George Beck, born 11 June 1802 in Hempfield, Westmoreland, Co., PA.
xi. Leonard Beck, born 11 June 1802 in Hempfield, Westmoreland, Co., PA.

76. Ebenezer Sherwood, born 10 April 1737 in Weston, Farifield Co., Connecticut; died 24 January 1785 in Cornwall, Litchfield Co., Conn.. He was the son of **152. John Sherwood** and **153. Mary Walker**. He married **77. Hannah Bradford** 02 January 1772 in Cornwall, Litchfield Co., Conn..

77. Hannah Bradford, born 09 March 1747/48 in Kingston, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts; died Aft. 1813 in Nelson, Portage Co., Ohio. She was the daughter of **154. Joshua Bradford** and **155. Hannah Bradford**.

Children of Ebenezer Sherwood and Hannah Bradford are:

38 i. John Sherwood, born 25 September 1773 in Cornwall, Litchfield Co., Connecticut; died 05 September 1863 in Perry Co., Ohio; married (1) Esther Babcock 21 August 1796 in Litchfield Co., Connecticut; married (2) Abigail Kennard 03 April 1826.

ii. Orilla Sherwood, born 10 November 1780 in Cornwall, CT; died 11 September 1846 in Ohio; married (1) Alpheus Streator; married (2) John Bonney 1798 in Cornwall, CT; born 27 May 1772 in Cornwall, CT; died 1814 in Nelson, Portage Co., OH.

More About Orilla Sherwood:
Burial: Windham, OH

78. Ichabod Babcock II, born 12 December 1731 in Westerly, RI; died 22 August 1801 in Westerly, RI. He was the son of **156. Ichabod Babcock I** and **157. Jemina Babcock**. He married **79. Esther Stanton** 17 March 1756.

79. Esther Stanton, born 23 November 1741; died 17 November 1813 in Westerly, RI.

Notes for Ichabod Babcock II:
Accroding to the DAR Patroit Index, Centennial Edition, Part I, Copyright 1994 by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution on page 106, Ichabod Babcock is an American Patroit having obtained the military rank of "Cornet" in Rhode Island during the Revolutionary War.

According to a book written by Stephen Babcock in 1903, titled "The Babcock Genealogy" on page 74, Ichabod Babcock was a cornet in Capt. George Thurston's Company in the 1st Battalion of Militia in the County of Kings, R.I., troop of horse in 1780.

Children of Ichabod Babcock and Esther Stanton are:

39 i. Esther Babcock, born 18 July 1778 in Westerly, RI; died 16 August 1825 in Rushcreek, Twp., Fairfield Co., OH; married John Sherwood 21 August 1796 in Litchfield Co., Connecticut.

ii. Ichabod Babcock III, born 15 January 1758 in CT; died 1852 in CT; married Dorcas Hoxie.

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128. Thomas Willits, born 16 March 1682/83 in Jerico, Nassau Co., Long Island, NY; died Abt. 1781 in Brunswick Township, Berks Co., PA. He was the son of **256. Thomas Willets** and **257. Dinah Townsend**. He married **129. Rachel Powell** Abt. 1719 in North Wales, PA.

129. Rachel Powell, born 18 February 1696/97; died Abt. 1793 in Catawissa, Northumberland Co. (now Columbia Co.), PA. She was the daughter of **258. Thomas Powell** and **259. Elizabeth Townsend Phillips**.

Notes for Thomas Willits:
Thomas married his first wife, Catherine Hallock on October 24, 1706 at the home of her parents, John and Abigail (Swezey) Hallock. Catherine died in 1718.

In 1719 Thomas Willets married his second wife, RacIel Powell, at the Westover Monthly Meeting (Quaker) in Queens County (now Nassau Co.), Long Island, NY. They had seven children.

Thomas Willets began to spell his name Willits and all of his descemdents have followed this practice. Thomas' three brothers, Richard, Amos, and Isaac consisently spelled their name Willets.

More About Thomas Willits:
Religion: Quaker

Children of Thomas Willits and Rachel Powell are:

64 i. Isaac Willits, born Abt. 1730 in Old Westbury, Long Island, NY; died 17 October 1784 in Catawissa,

Northumberland Co., PA; married Elizabeth Wilson? Abt. 1761 in Pennsylvania.
ii. Isaiah Willits, born 19 December 1732 in Secatague, LI, NY; died 13 September 1793; married Susannah Boone 23 October 1755 in Berks Co., PA; born 17 January 1737/38.
iii. Rachel Willits, born Abt. 1720 in Islip, LI, NY; married John Webb, Jr. 10 March 1746/47 in Berks Co., PA.
iv. Elizabeth Willits, born 1725 in Islip, LI, NY; married Samuel Hughes 10 April 1747 in Maiden Creek MM; born 10 March 1721/22 in Exter, Bucks Co., PA; died 18 July 1796 in Berks Co., PA.
v. Jemima Willits, born 1731 in Islip, LI, NY; died Aft. 1808 in Harmony, Iredell Co., NC; married John Green 1751; born 1725.
vi. Amy Willits, born 1721; married William Hughes 01 April 1738; born 16 December 1716.
vii. John Willits, born 1718; died 01 March 1769 in Brunswick Twp., Berks Co., PA.

132. Benjamin Field, born 01 March 1697/98 in Chesterfield, Burlington Co., NJ; died 12 January 1748/49 in Middletown Twp., Bucks Co., PA. He was the son of **264. Benjamin Field** and **265. Experience Allen**. He married **133. Sarah Stevenson** 29 October 1724 in Middletown, Bucks Co., PA.

133. Sarah Stevenson, born 06 March 1705/06 in Chesterfield, Burlington Co., NJ; died Abt. 1764 in Abingotn Twp., Philadelphia Co., PA. She was the daughter of **266. Thomas Stevenson** and **267. Sarah Jennings**.

Children of Benjamin Field and Sarah Stevenson are:
66 i. Robert Field, born 25 July 1750 in Middletown Twp., Bucks Co., PA; died 30 January 1819 in Catawissa, Northumberland Co. (now Columbia Co.), PA; married Phebe Comly Abt. 1773 in Philadelphia Co., PA.
ii. Benjamin Field, born 1720 in Midlothian, Bucks Co., PA.
iii. Edward Field, born 1724 in Midlothian, Bucks Co., PA.
iv. Elizabeth Field, born 1728 in Midlothian, Bucks Co., PA.
v. Jennings Field, born 1730 in Midlothian, Bucks Co., PA.
vi. Mary Field, born 1734 in Midlothian, Bucks Co., PA.
vii. Sarah Field, born 1732 in Midlothian, Bucks Co., PA.
viii. Thomas Field, born 1722 in Midlothian, Bucks Co., PA.

134. Henry Comly, born 07 March 1734/35 in Abingotn Twp., Philadelphia Co., PA; died 01 October 1768 in Abingotn Twp., Philadelphia Co., PA. He was the son of **268. Henry Comly** and **269. Phebe Gilbert**. He married **135. Rachel Strickland** 10 October 1756 in Philadelphia, PA.

135. Rachel Strickland, born Abt. 1731 in Buckingham Twp., Bucks Co., PA; died 09 August 1797 in Abington, Montgomery Co.,. She was the daughter of **270. John Strickland** and **271. Mary Routledge**.

Child of Henry Comly and Rachel Strickland is:
67 i. Phebe Comly, born 10 December 1758 in Abington, Philadelphia Co., PA; died 26 October 1788 in Abington, Montgomery Co., PA; married Robert Field Abt. 1773 in Philadelphia Co., PA.

140. Philbert Wright II, born 1719. He was the son of **280. Philbert Wright I** and **281. Esther Becraft/Bycraft**. He married **141. ? Emsley/Emslie**.

141. ? Emsley/Emslie

Child of Philbert Wright and ? Emsley/Emslie is:
70 i. Philbert Wright III, born Abt. 1750; died 1831; married Elizabeth Reagan Abt. 1775.

144. John William Bek, born 1721 in Alsace Lorraine, France; died 30 March 1777 in Petersville, Northampton Co., PA. He was the son of **288. Johann Hendrick Bek** and **289. Anna Maria**. He married **145. Eva Anna Eshbaugh** Abt. 1746 in Pennsylvania.

145. Eva Anna Eshbaugh, born 1725 in Petersville, Northampton Co., PA; died 04 April 1777 in Petersville, Northampton Co., PA.

Children of John Bek and Eva Eshbaugh are:
i. Frederick Bek, born 30 October 1747 in Northampton, PA.
ii. Susanna Bek, born 15 May 1749 in Northampton, PA.
iii. John William Bek, born 03 December 1750 in Germantown, Northampton Co., PA.
iv. John George Bek, born 21 September 1753 in Leighton, Northampton Co., PA.
v. Eva Elizabeth Bek, born 1755 in Northampton, PA.
72 vi. Leonard Bek, born 03 August 1760 in Northampton, PA; died 14 March 1831 in Hempfield, Westmoreland,

Co., PA; married Susanne Deeter 1781.

152. John Sherwood, born 22 September 1705 in Stratfifeld, Fairfield Co., Connecticut; died 17 September 1779 in Stratfifeld, Fairfield Co., Connecticut. He was the son of **304. Samuel Sherwood** and **305. Rebecca Burr**. He married **153. Mary Walker** 14 June 1733 in Stratfield Congregatdional Church, Stratfifeld, Fairfield Co., Connecticut.

153. Mary Walker, born 28 May 1710 in Stratfifeld, Fairfield Co., Connecticut; died 12 June 1767 in Austerffield, York, England. She was the daughter of **306. Robert Walker** and **307. Ruth Wilcoxson**.

Notes for John Sherwood:
Accroding to the DAR Patroit Index, Centennial Edition, Part III, Copyright 1994 by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution on page 2648, John Sherwood is an American Patroit having preformed "Public Service" in Conneticutt during the Revolutionary War.

More About John Sherwood:
Burial: Stratfifeld, Fairfield Co., Connecticut

More About Mary Walker:
Burial: Stratfifeld, Fairfield Co., Connecticut

Child of John Sherwood and Mary Walker is:

76 i. Ebenezer Sherwood, born 10 April 1737 in Weston, Farifield Co., Connecticut; died 24 January 1785 in Cornwall, Litchfield Co., Conn; married Hannah Bradford 02 January 1772 in Cornwall, Litchfield Co., Conn..

154. Joshua Bradford, born 23 June 1710 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts; died 22 May 1758 in Meduncook, (Friendship), Maine. He was the son of **308. Israel Bradford** and **309. Sarah Bartlett**. He married **155. Hannah Bradford** 17 February 1735/36 in Kingston, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts.

155. Hannah Bradford, born 19 April 1720 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts; died 22 May 1758 in Meduncook, (Friendship), Maine. She was the daughter of **310. Elisha Bradford** and **311. Bathsheba Brock**.

Child of Joshua Bradford and Hannah Bradford is:

77 i. Hannah Bradford, born 09 March 1747/48 in Kingston, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts; died Aft. 1813 in Nelson, Portage Co., Ohio; married (1) Herber R. Crowner; married (2) Wm. Baldwin; married (3) Ebenezer Sherwood 02 January 1772 in Cornwall, Litchfield Co., Conn..

156. Ichabod Babcock I, born 21 November 1703 in Westerly, RI; died Unknown. He was the son of **312. John Babcock, Jr.** and **313. Mary Champlin**. He married **157. Jemina Babcock** 01 December 1731.

157. Jemina Babcock

Child of Ichabod Babcock and Jemina Babcock is:

78 i. Ichabod Babcock II, born 12 December 1731 in Westerly, RI; died 22 August 1801 in Westerly, RI; married Esther Stanton 17 March 1756.

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256. Thomas Willets, born May 1650 in Hempstead, Long Island, NY; died 15 June 1714 in Secatague (Islip), NY. He was the son of **512. Richard Willets** and **513. Mary Washburn**. He married **257. Dinah Townsend** Abt. 1670 in Oyster Bay?, Long Island, NY.

257. Dinah Townsend, born Abt. 1650 in Warick, RI; died 18 December 1732 in West Islip, Long Island, NY. She was the daughter of **514. Richard Townsend** and **515. Deliverance Cole**.

Children of Thomas Willets and Dinah Townsend are:

128 i. Thomas Willits, born 16 March 1682/83 in Jerico, Nassau Co., Long Island, NY; died Abt. 1781 in Brunswick Township, Berks Co., PA; married (1) Catherine Hallock 24 October 1706 in Southold, LI, NY; married (2) Rachel Powell Abt. 1719 in North Wales, PA.

ii. Mary Willets, born 1671 in Jerico, Nassau Co., LI, NY; died 27 November 1731; married Thomas Powell 06 September 1691 in Bethpage, LI; died 27 November 1731.

iii. Elizabeth Willets, born 1673 in Jerico, Nassau Co., LI, NY; died 13 May 1713; married John Underhill 1695.
iv. Hannah Willets, born 1676 in Jerico, Nassau Co., LI, NY; married Samuel Underhill; born 1685.
v. Sarah Willets, born 1678 in Jerico, Nassau Co., LI, NY.
vi. Richard Willets, born 1680 in Jerico, Nassau Co., LI, NY; died 13 April 1753; married (1) Sarah Hallock; married (2) Margaret Hallock Powell; married (3) Debrah Underhill Coles 16 September 1706.
vii. Amos Willets, born 1685 in Jerico, Nassau Co., LI, NY; died 1748 in Syosset; married (1) Mary Hallock; married (2) Rebecca Whitson.
viii. Issac Willets, born 1688 in Jerico, Nassau Co., LI, NY; died 29 August 1736; married Clemence Hallock.
ix. Dinah Willets, born 1690 in Jerico, Nassau Co., LI, NY; died 1765; married William Hallock.

258. Thomas Powell, born 1641; died 28 December 1721 in Westbury, LI, NY. He married **259. Elizabeth Townsend Phillips** 02 September 1690.

259. Elizabeth Townsend Phillips She was the daughter of **518. John Townsend** and **519. Phebe Williams**.

Child of Thomas Powell and Elizabeth Phillips is:

129 i. Rachel Powell, born 18 February 1696/97; died Abt. 1793 in Catawissa, Northumberland Co. (now Columbia Co.), PA; married Thomas Willits Abt. 1719 in North Wales, PA.

264. Benjamin Field, born Abt. 1669 in Newton, Long Island, NY; died 16 May 1702 in West Chesterfield, Burlington Co., NJ. He was the son of **528. Robert Field** and **529. Susannah ?**. He married **265. Experience Allen** 29 May 1692 in Shrewsbury, NJ.

265. Experience Allen, born 30 August 1669 in Sandwich, MA; died 17 December 1704 in West Chesterfield, Burlington Co., NJ. She was the daughter of **530. Jedediah Allen** and **531. Elizabeth Howland**.

Child of Benjamin Field and Experience Allen is:

132 i. Benjamin Field, born 01 March 1697/98 in Chesterfield, Burlington Co., NJ; died 12 January 1748/49 in Middletown Twp., Bucks Co., PA; married Sarah Stevenson 29 October 1724 in Middletown, Bucks Co., PA.

266. Thomas Stevenson, born Abt. 1673 in Newton, Long Island, NY; died 09 October 1719 in Burlington, NJ. He was the son of **532. Thomas Stevenson** and **533. Elizabeth Lawrence**. He married **267. Sarah Jennings** 10 April 1704 in Burlingotn, NJ.

267. Sarah Jennings, born 10 February 1678/79 in NJ/England; died February 1732/33 in Middletown Twp., Bucks Co., PA. She was the daughter of **534. Samuel Jennings** and **535. Ann Olive**.

Child of Thomas Stevenson and Sarah Jennings is:

133 i. Sarah Stevenson, born 06 March 1705/06 in Chesterfield, Burlington Co., NJ; died Abt. 1764 in Abingotn Twp., Philadelphia Co., PA; married Benjamin Field 29 October 1724 in Middletown, Bucks Co., PA.

268. Henry Comly, born 26 April 1702 in Abingotn Twp., Philadelphia Co., PA; died 21 September 1772 in Moorland, Bucks Co., PA. He was the son of **536. Henry Comly** and **537. Agnes Heaton**. He married **269. Phebe Gilbert** 26 September 1728 in Byberry Mtg., Bucks Co., PA.

269. Phebe Gilbert, born 07 February 1700/01 in Abingotn Twp., Philadelphia Co., PA; died 04 February 1773 in Moorland, Soneton Twp., Bucks Co., PA. She was the daughter of **538. Joseph Gilbert** and **539. Rachel Taylor**.

Child of Henry Comly and Phebe Gilbert is:

134 i. Henry Comly, born 07 March 1734/35 in Abingotn Twp., Philadelphia Co., PA; died 01 October 1768 in Abingotn Twp., Philadelphia Co., PA; married Rachel Strickland 10 October 1756 in Philadelphia, PA.

270. John Strickland, born 13 May 1701 in Dublin, Ireland; died 20 November 1766 in Southampton, Bucks Co., PA. He was the son of **540. Miles Strickland** and **541. Frances Wharton**. He married **271. Mary Routledge** 04 September 1726 in Buckingham Monthly Meeting, Bucks Co., PA.

271. Mary Routledge, born Abt. 1706 in Falls Twp., Bucks Co., PA; died Abt. 1754 in Abingotn Twp., Philadelphia Co., PA. She was the daughter of **542. John Routledge** and **543. Margaret Dalton**.

Child of John Strickland and Mary Routledge is:

135 i. Rachel Strickland, born Abt. 1731 in Buckingham Twp., Bucks Co., PA; died 09 August 1797 in Abington, Montgomery Co.,; married Henry Comly 10 October 1756 in Philadelphia, PA.

280. Philbert Wright I He married **281. Esther Becraft/Bycraft**.
281. Esther Becraft/Bycraft

Child of Philbert Wright and Esther Becraft/Bycraft is:
140 i. Philbert Wright II, born 1719; married ? Emsley/Emslie.

288. Johann Hendrick Bek, born 20 November 1691 in Alsace Lorraine, France; died February 1766 in Moore, Northampton Co., PA. He married **289. Anna Maria** Abt. 1720.
289. Anna Maria, born 1699; died 1767 in Moore, Northampton Co., PA.

Children of Johann Bek and Anna Maria are:
144 i. John William Bek, born 1721 in Alsace Lorraine, France; died 30 March 1777 in Petersville, Northampton Co., PA; married Eva Anna Eshbaugh Abt. 1746 in Pennsylvania.
ii. John George Bek, born 1723 in Alsace Lorraine, France.
iii. John Ferdinand Bek, born 1728 in Alsace Lorraine, France.
iv. John Jacob Bek, born 1731 in Alsace Lorraine, France.
v. John Henry Bek, born 1732 in Alsace Lorraine, France.

304. Samuel Sherwood, born 1680 in Stratfifeld, Fairfield Co., Connecticut; died 10 November 1732 in Stratfifeld, Fairfield Co., Connecticut. He was the son of **608. Matthew Sherwood** and **609. Mary Fitch**. He married **305. Rebecca Burr** 30 November 1704 in Stratfifeld, Fairfield Co., Connecticut.
305. Rebecca Burr, born 1682; died 16 May 1721 in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

More About Samuel Sherwood:
Burial: Old Stratfield, Fairfield, Co., Connecticut

Child of Samuel Sherwood and Rebecca Burr is:
152 i. John Sherwood, born 22 September 1705 in Stratfifeld, Fairfield Co., Connecticut; died 17 September 1779 in Stratfifeld, Fairfield Co., Connecticut; married Mary Walker 14 June 1733 in Stratfield Congregatdional Church, Stratfifeld, Fairfield Co., Connecticut.

306. Robert Walker, born Abt. 1684. He married **307. Ruth Wilcoxson**.
307. Ruth Wilcoxson, born Abt. 1688.

Child of Robert Walker and Ruth Wilcoxson is:
153 i. Mary Walker, born 28 May 1710 in Stratfifeld, Fairfield Co., Connecticut; died 12 June 1767 in Austerffield, York, England; married John Sherwood 14 June 1733 in Stratfield Congregatdional Church, Stratfifeld, Fairfield Co., Connecticut.

308. Israel Bradford, born Abt. 1677 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts; died 26 March 1760 in Kingston, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts. He was the son of **616. William Bradford IV** and **617. Mary Atwood**. He married **309. Sarah Bartlett** 27 November 1701 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts.
309. Sarah Bartlett, born Abt. 1681 in Duxbury, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts; died 03 April 1761 in Kingston, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts. She was the daughter of **618. Benjamin Bartlett** and **619. Ruth Pabodie**.

Child of Israel Bradford and Sarah Bartlett is:
154 i. Joshua Bradford, born 23 June 1710 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts; died 22 May 1758 in Meduncook, (Friendship), Maine; married Hannah Bradford 17 February 1735/36 in Kingston, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts.

310. Elisha Bradford, born Abt. 1669 in Plymouth, MA; died 16 June 1747 in Kingston, MA. He was the son of **620. Joseph Bradford** and **621. Jael Hobart**. He married **311. Bathsheba Brock** 07 September 1719 in Plymouth, MA.
311. Bathsheba Brock, born 21 May 1703 in Scituate, MA; died Aft. November 1758. She was the daughter

of **622. Francis Brock** and **623. Sarah Hobart**.

Child of Elisha Bradford and Bathsheba Brock is:

155 i. Hannah Bradford, born 19 April 1720 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts; died 22 May 1758 in Meduncook, (Friendship), Maine; married Joshua Bradford 17 February 1735/36 in Kingston, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts.

312. John Babcock, Jr., born Abt. 1669 in Westerly, RI; died 28 March 1746 in Westerly, RI. He was the son of **624. John Babcock, Sr.** and **625. Mary Lawton**. He married **313. Mary Champlin** Abt. 1700.

313. Mary Champlin

Child of John Babcock and Mary Champlin is:

156 i. Ichabod Babcock I, born 21 November 1703 in Westerly, RI; died Unknown; married Jemina Babcock 01 December 1731.

Generation No. 10

512. Richard Willets, born 01 November 1619 in Rowley Regis?, Staffordshire, England; died 02 May 1665 in Hempstead, Long Island, NY. He was the son of **1024. Richard Willets** and **1025. Elizabeth? Grove?**. He married **513. Mary Washburn** Abt. 1648 in Hempstead, Long Island, NY.

513. Mary Washburn, born Abt. 1628 in Bengeworth?, Evesham. Worchestershire, England; died 17 December 1713 in Jerico, Long Island, NY. She was the daughter of **1026. William Washburn** and **1027. Jane Nichols?**.

Notes for Richard Willets:

Descendants of Richard Willets

Richard Willets was born in 1618 in old England. He was baptized in 1619. He may have been a native of Butcombe, county Somerset, England. His parents may (possibly) be John and Elizabeth (Buver) Willets. It is usually stated that he came from Bristol, or some other, west English port. However, he is sometimes mentioned as being from Worchester. This Worchester assumption is based on the fact that his wife Mary Washburne was from Bengeworth, county Worchester, England. The largest known family group that spelled their name Willets lived at Kemerton, county Gloucester, in England. Glouchester is just north of Bristol and county Somerset. A Henry Willets died in 1591 at Kemeerton, a Julyan in 1598, and a Robert in 1639. At his marriage, Richard described himself as of Bristol. Dutch custom would have us believe he was born at Bristol. But one needs to be careful; Richard may have not understood the significance of the question, and described the English port he had departed the "old" world from, instead of answering the question of where he was born.

It is thought that Richard Willets left his native England about 1640 (age 22). If he was from Glouchester, he most likely left from Bristol. He sailed to New England where he may have settled at Rhode Island for a brief time. In 1643, he settled at the predominantly English settlement at "Hempsteede", [Hempstead], Long Island, which was under Dutch rule.

Richard Willet/Willetts, Sr. had come from the western part of England to the American Colonies in 1645, with his brother Thomas Willets. They were cousins of Capt. Thomas Willett (1610) who came to Plymouth in 1629 from Lyden, Holland. Capt. Willett led the British forces when they took over New Amsterdam, which they re-named New York. Capt. Willett was the first English mayor of the town now re-named New York in 1664. Capt. Thomas Willett died 1674 at age 64 at Swansea, Massachusetts. Lewesham, the Willets home in England, was near Wales, although the early family had been in Hertfordshire, England. Richard Willetts, our Progenitor in America, and his brother, Thomas Willett, came to Boston ca. 1640. Then settled in New London, Connecticut and then Richard and Thomas moved to Long Island when it was part of New Amsterdam, under Dutch rule, by about 1647. Richard Willetts was an original proprietor of Nassau County, Long
Island He became a surveyor of highways in 1659 at the town of Hempstead. He and his family lived at Hempstead until he died, ca. 1665. Richard Willetts was listed in 1657 at Hempstead, being found on the town tax rolls, and was found listed, having 6 cattle, 6 milch cows, and 28 acres of land. Only 12 others paid more taxes than did Richard Willetts, Sr.

Before 1650 Richard Willetts had married Mary/Martha Washbourne, the daughter of William and Jane Washbourn, earlie settlers of Oyster Bay, L.I. In 1657 Richard Willetts was one of those present at the reading of the will of his father-in-law, William Washbourne, the will being read by the town clerk, John James. In 1658 Richard Willetts was one of those present when court was held 18 April 1658. Richard Gildersleeve was Magistrate, and Richard Willetts, John Hicks, and Robert Forman were assistants. At this session of the court two

local wives, Mrs. Joseph (Mary) Scott, and Mrs. Francis Weeks were fined 20 guilders and cost, for attending a Quaker meeting. (Ref. Bunker's L.I. Genealogies) in 1659 Richard Willetts was appointed surveyor of highways for Nassau County. In 1662 Richard Willetts was chosen Townsman by vote of the people. He evidently died by 10 June 1665, when his widow, Mary Willetts made returns, counting for six horses. On 24 day of March 1666 the widow Willets, lately of Hempstead, now of Oyster Bay, sold to Joseph Williams, of Hempstead, the home lot and housing next to the lot of Joseph Langdon, on the north side of it, said home lot and housing "I did lately dwell in." In 1667 Mary, widow of Richard Willetts, bought a portion of her brother in law's Oyster Bay Patent, he being Robert Williams, married to Sarah Washbourne. Mary Washbourne Willetts then settled at Jericho, Long Island near Oyster Bay. Mary Washbourne Willetts joined the Society of Friends, the Quakers, and became a minister, and had meetings at her house. For this she suffered "distraint of property by the English authorities, for non payment of a Ministers' and Church Rates. (Bunker) She died 17 January 1713 at Jericho, Long Island, New York. Her burial place is uncertain. Leah Blackman, historian of Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey, wrote: "The Willits (Willetts), were Quakers, and people of respectability. Most of them throughout the various generations having closley adhered to the Quaker faith. Many of the Willits have been wealthy, and an unusual numer of them possessed of considerable means (wealth). Several of the old time Willits were magistrates, appointed by the Sovereigns of England to the American Colonies." The Washbourne line of Mary/Martha Washbourne Willetts is "our ancestral line" which ties all of us, her descendants to the royal houses of England and much of Europe.

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More About Richard Willets:
Emigration: First Willets to America

Children of Richard Willets and Mary Washburn are:

256 i. Thomas Willets, born May 1650 in Hempstead, Long Island, NY; died 15 June 1714 in Secatague (Islip), NY; married Dinah Townsend Abt. 1670 in Oyster Bay?, Long Island, NY.
ii. Hope Willets, born September 1652 in Hempstead, LI, New Netherlands; died 1703; married Mary (Mercy) Langdon.
iii. John Willets, born July 1655; died 1703; married Margaret Hallock.
iv. Richard Willets, born 25 December 1660 in Hempstead, Long Island, NY; died 14 May 1703; married (1) Abigail Bowne 25 March 1686; married (2) Abigail Powell 15 May 1690.
v. Mary Willets, born April 1663 in Hempstead, Long Island, NY; married John Fry II.

514. Richard Townsend, born Unknown in Bracon Ash, Norwich Co., England; died Abt. 1670 in Jerico., Long Island, NY. He was the son of **1028. Robert Townsend** and **1029. Unknown**. He married **515. Deliverance Cole** Abt. 1652 in Warwick?, RI.

515. Deliverance Cole, born Abt. 1632 in Plymouth, MA; died Abt. 1656 in Pawtucket, RI. She was the daughter of **1030. Robert Coles** and **1031. Mary? Hawkshurst**.

Child of Richard Townsend and Deliverance Cole is:

257 i. Dinah Townsend, born Abt. 1650 in Warick, RI; died 18 December 1732 in West Islip, Long Island, NY; married Thomas Willets Abt. 1670 in Oyster Bay?, Long Island, NY.

518. John Townsend He married **519. Phebe Williams**.

519. Phebe Williams She was the daughter of **1038. Robert Williams** and **1039. Sarah Washburne**.

Child of John Townsend and Phebe Williams is:

259 i. Elizabeth Townsend Phillips, married (1) Theophilus Phillips 1685; married (2) Thomas Powell 02 September 1690.

528. Robert Field, born Abt. 1628; died 13 April 1701 in Newton, Long Island, NY. He was the son of **1056. Robert Field** and **1057. Charity Jennings**. He married **529. Susannah ?** Abt. 1659.

529. Susannah ?, died 01 July 1702 in Chesterfield, Burlington Co., NJ.

Child of Robert Field and Susannah ? is:

264 i. Benjamin Field, born Abt. 1669 in Newton, Long Island, NY; died 16 May 1702 in West Chesterfield, Burlington Co., NJ; married Experience Allen 29 May 1692 in Shrewsbury, NJ.

530. Jedediah Allen, born 03 January 1646/47 in Sandwich, MA; died 21 January 1710/11 in Shrewsbury, Momouth Co., NJ. He was the son of **1060. Ralph Allen** and **1061. Esther (Easter) Swift**. He married **531. Elizabeth Howland** Abt. 1667.

531. Elizabeth Howland, born Abt. 1648 in Duxbury, MA; died Abt. 1716 in Shrewsbury, Momouth Co., NJ. She was the daughter of **1062. Henry Howland** and **1063. Mary Newland**.

Child of Jedediah Allen and Elizabeth Howland is:

265 i. Experience Allen, born 30 August 1669 in Sandwich, MA; died 17 December 1704 in West Chesterfield, Burlington Co., NJ; married Benjamin Field 29 May 1692 in Shrewsbury, NJ.

532. Thomas Stevenson, born Abt. 1647 in Newton, Long Island, NY; died Abt. 1725 in Newton, Long Island, NY. He was the son of **1064. Thomas Stevenson** and **1065. Mary Bullock**. He married **533. Elizabeth Lawrence** February 1671/72 in Newton, Long Island, NY.

533. Elizabeth Lawrence, born in England; died in Newton, Long Island, NY. She was the daughter of **1066. William Lawrence** and **1067. Mary? Sprague?**.

Child of Thomas Stevenson and Elizabeth Lawrence is:

266 i. Thomas Stevenson, born Abt. 1673 in Newton, Long Island, NY; died 09 October 1719 in Burlington, NJ; married Sarah Jennings 10 April 1704 in Burlingotn, NJ.

534. Samuel Jennings, born Abt. 1647 in England; died 24 July 1708 in Green Hill, Burlington Co., NJ. He was the son of **1068. Jennings** and **1069. Sarah? Fox?**. He married **535. Ann Olive** 07 February 1671/72 in Bierton, Buckinghamshire, England.

535. Ann Olive, born 02 November 1659 in Bierton, Buckinghamshire, England; died in Burlington Co, NJ.

Child of Samuel Jennings and Ann Olive is:

267 i. Sarah Jennings, born 10 February 1678/79 in NJ/England; died February 1732/33 in Middletown Twp., Bucks Co., PA; married Thomas Stevenson 10 April 1704 in Burlingotn, NJ.

536. Henry Comly, born Abt. 1673 in Bedminster, Somerset Co., England; died 16 July 1726 in Manor Of Moorland, Philadelphia Co., PA. He was the son of **1072. Henry Comly** and **1073. Joan Tyler**. He married **537. Agnes Heaton** 17 October 1695 in Middletown, Bucks Co., PA.

537. Agnes Heaton, born 12 November 1677 in Settle, Yorkshire, England; died 30 December 1743 in Manor Of Moorland, Philadelphia Co., PA. She was the daughter of **1074. Robert Heaton** and **1075. Alice ?**.

Child of Henry Comly and Agnes Heaton is:

268 i. Henry Comly, born 26 April 1702 in Abingotn Twp., Philadelphia Co., PA; died 21 September 1772 in Moorland, Bucks Co., PA; married Phebe Gilbert 26 September 1728 in Byberry Mtg., Bucks Co., PA.

538. Joseph Gilbert, born Abt. 1664 in England; died 20 August 1765 in Byberry Twp. Philadelphia Co., PA. He was the son of **1076. John Gilbert** and **1077. Florence ?**. He married **539. Rachel Taylor** Abt. 1699.

539. Rachel Taylor, born 15 January 1663/64 in Clatterwich, Great Budworth, Cheshrire, England; died in Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of **1078. Robert Taylor** and **1079. Mary Hayes (Hey)**.

Child of Joseph Gilbert and Rachel Taylor is:

269 i. Phebe Gilbert, born 07 February 1700/01 in Abingotn Twp., Philadelphia Co., PA; died 04 February 1773 in Moorland, Soneton Twp., Bucks Co., PA; married Henry Comly 26 September 1728 in Byberry Mtg., Bucks Co., PA.

540. Miles Strickland, born 03 February 1673/74 in Cartmell, Lancashire, England; died 22 October 1751 in Philadelphia Co., PA. He was the son of **1080. John Strickland** and **1081. Janet Bell**. He married **541. Frances Wharton** 07 September 1698 in Dublin, Ireland.

541. Frances Wharton, born Abt. 1666 in Rigoll (Rydall?), Westmoreland Co., England; died 1721 in Philadelphia Co., PA. She was the daughter of **1082. Thomas Wharton** and **1083. Margaret Rydall?**.

Child of Miles Strickland and Frances Wharton is:

270 i. John Strickland, born 13 May 1701 in Dublin, Ireland; died 20 November 1766 in Southampton, Bucks Co.,

PA; married Mary Routledge 04 September 1726 in Buckingham Monthly Meeting, Bucks Co., PA.

542. John Routledge, born 11 June 1676 in Brewcastle, Cumberland Co., England; died 30 June 1725 in Southampton Twp., Bucks Co., PA. He was the son of **1084. Thomas? Routledge** and **1085. Dorothy? Nixon**. He married **543. Margaret Dalton** 09 July 1701 in Falls Twp., Bucks Co., PA.

543. Margaret Dalton, born 07 December 1679 in Cliburn?, Westmoreland Co., England; died 07 April 1735 in Bucks Co., PA. She was the daughter of **1086. Thomas Dalton** and **1087. Margaret Dent?**.

Child of John Routledge and Margaret Dalton is:

271 i. Mary Routledge, born Abt. 1706 in Falls Twp., Bucks Co., PA; died Abt. 1754 in Abingotn Twp., Philadelphia Co., PA; married John Strickland 04 September 1726 in Buckingham Monthly Meeting, Bucks Co., PA.

608. Matthew Sherwood, born 1643 in Stratfifeld, Fairfield Co., Connecticut; died 26 October 1715 in Bridgeport, Connecticut. He was the son of **1216. Thomas Sherwood** and **1217. Mary ?**. He married **609. Mary Fitch** Abt. 1671.

609. Mary Fitch, born Abt. 1643 in Brocking, Essex, England; died 25 December 1730 in Bridgeport, Connecticut. She was the daughter of **1218. Thomas Fitche** and **1219. Anna Stacie**.

More About Matthew Sherwood:
Burial: Old Stratfield, Fairfield, Co., Connecticut

Child of Matthew Sherwood and Mary Fitch is:

304 i. Samuel Sherwood, born 1680 in Stratfifeld, Fairfield Co., Connecticut; died 10 November 1732 in Stratfifeld, Fairfield Co., Connecticut; married Rebecca Burr 30 November 1704 in Stratfifeld, Fairfield Co., Connecticut.

616. William Bradford IV, born 17 June 1624 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts; died 20 February 1703/04 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts. He was the son of **1232. William Bradford III** and **1233. Alice Carpenter**. He married **617. Mary Atwood** 24 December 1675 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts.

617. Mary Atwood, born January 1654/55 in Duxbury, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts.

Children of William Bradford and Mary Atwood are:

308 i. Israel Bradford, born Abt. 1677 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts; died 26 March 1760 in Kingston, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts; married Sarah Bartlett 27 November 1701 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts.
ii. Ephraim Bradford, born 1685.
iii. David Bradford, born Bef. 1687.
iv. Hezekiah Bradford, born Bef. 1687.

618. Benjamin Bartlett, born 1658 in Duxbury, MA; died Bet. 1717 - 1724 in Duxbury, MA. He was the son of **1236. Benjamin Bartlett** and **1237. Sarah Brewster**. He married **619. Ruth Pabodie** December 1676 in Duxburry, MA.

619. Ruth Pabodie, born 27 June 1658 in Duxbury, MA; died 27 August 1740. She was the daughter of **1238. William Pabodie** and **1239. Elizabeth Alden**.

Children of Benjamin Bartlett and Ruth Pabodie are:

i. Robert Bartlett, born 06 December 1679.
309 ii. Sarah Bartlett, born Abt. 1681 in Duxbury, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts; died 03 April 1761 in Kingston, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts; married Israel Bradford 27 November 1701 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts.
iii. Rebecca Bartlett
iv. Ruth Bartlett
v. Mercy Bartlett, born Abt. 1694.
vi. William Bartlett
vii. Priscilla Bartlett, born January 1696/97.
viii. Deborah Bartlett
ix. Abigail Bartlett

620. Joseph Bradford, born 1630 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts; died 10 July 1715 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts. He was the son of **1232. William Bradford III** and **1233. Alice Carpenter**. He married **621. Jael Hobart** 25 May 1664 in Hingham, MA.

621. Jael Hobart, born 30 December 1643 in Hingman, MA; died 14 April 1730 in Kingston, MA. She was the daughter of **1242. Peter Hobart** and **1243. Elizabeth Ilbrook**.

Children of Joseph Bradford and Jael Hobart are:

310 i. Elisha Bradford, born Abt. 1669 in Plymouth, MA; died 16 June 1747 in Kingston, MA; married Bathsheba Brock 07 September 1719 in Plymouth, MA.
ii. Joseph Bradford, born 18 April 1665.
iii. Peter Bradford, born 01 March 1676/77.

622. Francis Brock He married **623. Sarah Hobart**.

623. Sarah Hobart

Child of Francis Brock and Sarah Hobart is:

311 i. Bathsheba Brock, born 21 May 1703 in Scituate, MA; died Aft. November 1758; married Elisha Bradford 07 September 1719 in Plymouth, MA.

624. John Babcock, Sr., born 1644 in Portsmouth, RI; died 1685 in Westerly, RI. He was the son of **1248. James Badcock, Sr.** and **1249. Sarah**. He married **625. Mary Lawton**.

625. Mary Lawton

Child of John Babcock and Mary Lawton is:

312 i. John Babcock, Jr., born Abt. 1669 in Westerly, RI; died 28 March 1746 in Westerly, RI; married Mary Champlin Abt. 1700.

Generation No. 11

1024. Richard Willets, born 13 October 1573 in Rowley Regis, Stafford Co., England; died 20 February 1658/59 in Rowley Regis, Stafford Co., England. He was the son of **2048. Thomas Willets** and **2049. Unknown**. He married **1025. Elizabeth? Grove?** Abt. 1607 in Rowley Regis?, Stafford Co., England.

1025. Elizabeth? Grove?, born Abt. 1582 in Rowley Regis?, Stafford Co., England; died 04 May 1654 in Rowley Regis, Stafford Co., England.

Child of Richard Willets and Elizabeth? Grove? is:

512 i. Richard Willets, born 01 November 1619 in Rowley Regis?, Staffordshire, England; died 02 May 1665 in Hempstead, Long Island, NY; married Mary Washburn Abt. 1648 in Hempstead, Long Island, NY.

1026. William Washburn, born 09 November 1601 in Bengeworth, Worchestershire, England; died 18 April 1658 in Hempstead, Long Island, NY. He was the son of **2052. John Washbourne** and **2053. Martha Timbrell**. He married **1027. Jane Nichols?** Abt. 1623 in England.

1027. Jane Nichols?, born Unknown in England; died Abt. 1668 in Hempstead, Long Island, NY. She was the daughter of **2054. Francis? Nichols?**.

Child of William Washburn and Jane Nichols? is:

513 i. Mary Washburn, born Abt. 1628 in Bengeworth?, Evesham. Worchestershire, England; died 17 December 1713 in Jerico, Long Island, NY; married Richard Willets Abt. 1648 in Hempstead, Long Island, NY.

1028. Robert Townsend, born 18 June 1591 in Bracon Ash, Norwich Co., England; died Unknown in England. He was the son of **2056. Henry Townsend** and **2057. Margaret Forthe**. He married **1029. Unknown** Unknown in Norwich Co., England.

1029. Unknown, born Unknown in Norwich Co., England; died Unknown in Norwich Co., England.

Child of Robert Townsend and Unknown is:

514 i. Richard Townsend, born Unknown in Bracon Ash, Norwich Co., England; died Abt. 1670 in Jerico., Long

Island, NY; married Deliverance Cole Abt. 1652 in Warwick?, RI.

1030. Robert Coles, born Abt. 1597 in Sudbury, Suffolk Co., England; died 25 October 1655 in Warwick, RI. He was the son of **2060. John Cole** and **2061. Unknown**. He married **1031. Mary? Hawkshurst** Abt. 1625 in England.

1031. Mary? Hawkshurst, born Unknown in England; died Abt. 1663 in Oyster Bay, Long Island, NY. She was the daughter of **2062. Sampson Hawkshurst** and **2063. Unknown**.

Child of Robert Coles and Mary? Hawkshurst is:

515 i. Deliverance Cole, born Abt. 1632 in Plymouth, MA; died Abt. 1656 in Pawtucket, RI; married Richard Townsend Abt. 1652 in Warwick?, RI.

1038. Robert Williams He married **1039. Sarah Washburne.**

1039. Sarah Washburne

Child of Robert Williams and Sarah Washburne is:

519 i. Phebe Williams, married John Townsend.

1056. Robert Field, born Abt. 1604 in Stanes?, Middlesex Co., England; died Abt. 1672 in Flushing, Long Island, NY. He married **1057. Charity Jennings** Abt. 1626.

1057. Charity Jennings, born Abt. 1605 in Middlesex, England; died Abt. 1681 in Flushing, Long Island, NY.

Child of Robert Field and Charity Jennings is:

528 i. Robert Field, born Abt. 1628; died 13 April 1701 in Newton, Long Island, NY; married Susannah ? Abt. 1659.

1060. Ralph Allen, born Abt. 1605 in England; died Abt. 1660 in Sandwich, MA. He married **1061. Esther (Easter) Swift** Abt. 1642.

1061. Esther (Easter) Swift, born Abt. 1624 in Bockling?, Essex Co., England; died in Sandwich, MA. She was the daughter of **2122. William Swift** and **2123. Joane Sisson?**.

Child of Ralph Allen and Esther Swift is:

530 i. Jedediah Allen, born 03 January 1646/47 in Sandwich, MA; died 21 January 1710/11 in Shrewsbury, Momouth Co., NJ; married Elizabeth Howland Abt. 1667.

1062. Henry Howland, born 25 November 1604 in FenStanton, Huntingdonshire, England; died 17 January 1670/71 in Duxbury, MA. He was the son of **2124. Henry Howland** and **2125. Alice? Ayres?**. He married **1063. Mary Newland** in England.

1063. Mary Newland, born Abt. 1622 in England; died 17 June 1674 in Duxbury, MA.

Children of Henry Howland and Mary Newland are:

531 i. Elizabeth Howland, born Abt. 1648 in Duxbury, MA; died Abt. 1716 in Shrewsbury, Momouth Co., NJ; married Jedediah Allen Abt. 1667.
ii. Zoeth Howland
iii. Joseph Howland
iv. John Howland
v. Samuel Howland
vi. Sarah Howland
vii. Mary Howland
viii. Abigail Howland

1064. Thomas Stevenson, born Abt. 1614 in Amwell?, Hertford Co., England; died Abt. 1662 in Newton, Long Island, NY. He was the son of **2128. John? Stevenson**. He married **1065. Mary Bullock** 15 August 1645 in New Amsterdam, NY.

1065. Mary Bullock, born Abt. 1620 in London?, England; died Abt. 1652 in Newton, Long Island, NY. She was the daughter of **2130. Henry? Bullock** and **2131. Susana ?**.

Child of Thomas Stevenson and Mary Bullock is:

532 i. Thomas Stevenson, born Abt. 1647 in Newton, Long Island, NY; died Abt. 1725 in Newton, Long Island, NY; married Elizabeth Lawrence February 1671/72 in Newton, Long Island, NY.

1066. William Lawrence, born 27 July 1622 in St. Albans, Hertford Co., England; died Abt. 1680 in Flushing, Long Island, NY. He was the son of **2132. Thomas Lawrence** and **2133. Joane Antrobus**. He married **1067. Mary? Sprague?** Abt. 1642 in Duxbury, MA.

1067. Mary? Sprague?, born Abt. 1623 in England; died Abt. 1657 in Flushing, Long Island, NY. She was the daughter of **2134. Francis? Sprague?**.

Child of William Lawrence and Mary? Sprague? is:

533 i. Elizabeth Lawrence, born in England; died in Newton, Long Island, NY; married Thomas Stevenson February 1671/72 in Newton, Long Island, NY.

1068. Jennings, born in England; died in England. He married **1069. Sarah? Fox?**.

1069. Sarah? Fox?, born in England; died in England.

Child of Jennings and Sarah? Fox? is:

534 i. Samuel Jennings, born Abt. 1647 in England; died 24 July 1708 in Green Hill, Burlington Co., NJ; married Ann Olive 07 February 1671/72 in Bierton, Buckinghamshire, England.

1072. Henry Comly, born in Somerset Co., England; died 14 May 1684 in Bucks Co., PA. He married **1073. Joan Tyler** 25 December 1673 in Bristol, England.

1073. Joan Tyler, born in Brisol, Somerset Co., England; died 20 October 1689 in Middletown Twp., Bucks Co., PA.

Child of Henry Comly and Joan Tyler is:

536 i. Henry Comly, born Abt. 1673 in Bedminster, Somerset Co., England; died 16 July 1726 in Manor Of Moorland, Philadelphia Co., PA; married Agnes Heaton 17 October 1695 in Middletown, Bucks Co., PA.

1074. Robert Heaton, born 25 March 1642 in Wharfe Cla;pham, Yorkshire, England; died 16 July 1717 in Middletown Twp., Bucks Co., PA. He was the son of **2148. Robert Heaton** and **2149. Unknown**. He married **1075. Alice ?** Abt. 1655.

1075. Alice ?, born Abt. 1643 in Yorkshire, England; died 17 April 1717 in Middletown Twp., Bucks Co., PA.

Child of Robert Heaton and Alice ? is:

537 i. Agnes Heaton, born 12 November 1677 in Settle, Yorkshire, England; died 30 December 1743 in Manor Of Moorland, Philadelphia Co., PA; married Henry Comly 17 October 1695 in Middletown, Bucks Co., PA.

1076. John Gilbert, born in Cornwall, England; died 13 October 1711 in Philadelphia, PA. He married **1077. Florence ?** in England.

1077. Florence ?, born in Cornwall, England; died in Philadelphia, PA.

Child of John Gilbert and Florence ? is:

538 i. Joseph Gilbert, born Abt. 1664 in England; died 20 August 1765 in Byberry Twp. Philadelphia Co., PA; married Rachel Taylor Abt. 1699.

1078. Robert Taylor, born 15 December 1633 in Clatterwich, Great Budworth, Cheshrire, England; died 16 May 1695 in Springfield, Chester Co., PA. He was the son of **2156. Thomas Taylor** and **2157. Mary Barrow**. He married **1079. Mary Hayes (Hey)** Abt. 1662.

1079. Mary Hayes (Hey), born Abt. 1641 in Clatterwich, Great Budworth, Cheshrire, England; died 11 April 1728 in Chester Co., PA. She was the daughter of **2158. Jonathan Hey (Hayes)** and **2159. Margaret Merrick**.

Child of Robert Taylor and Mary (Hey) is:

539 i. Rachel Taylor, born 15 January 1663/64 in Clatterwich, Great Budworth, Cheshrire, England; died in Pennsylvania; married Joseph Gilbert Abt. 1699.

1080. John Strickland, born Abt. 1632 in Lancashire, England; died 1675 in Cartmel ?, Lancashire, England. He was the son of **2160. William? Strickland** and **2161. Catherine? Fedder?**. He married **1081. Janet Bell** 23 June 1661 in Cartmel, Lancashire, England.

1081. Janet Bell, born 23 December 1638 in Cartmelfell, Lancashire, England; died 18 September 1697 in Dublin, Ireland. She was the daughter of **2162. Anthony Bell** and **2163. Mabel Walker**.

Child of John Strickland and Janet Bell is:

540 i. Miles Strickland, born 03 February 1673/74 in Cartmell, Lancashire, England; died 22 October 1751 in Philadelphia Co., PA; married Frances Wharton 07 September 1698 in Dublin, Ireland.

1082. Thomas Wharton, born Abt. 1640 in Orton (Offerton), Westmoreland Co., England; died in Dublin, Ireland. He was the son of **2164. Thomas? Wharton** and **2165. Mary? Carey**. He married **1083. Margaret Rydall?** Abt. 1662.

1083. Margaret Rydall?, born in Rigoll (Rydall?), Westmoreland Co., England; died in Dublin, Ireland.

Child of Thomas Wharton and Margaret Rydall? is:

541 i. Frances Wharton, born Abt. 1666 in Rigoll (Rydall?), Westmoreland Co., England; died 1721 in Philadelphia Co., PA; married Miles Strickland 07 September 1698 in Dublin, Ireland.

1084. Thomas? Routledge, born Abt. 1643 in Bewcastle, Cumberland Co., England; died in England. He was the son of **2168. William Routledge**. He married **1085. Dorothy? Nixon** 19 November 1669 in Bewcastle, England.

1085. Dorothy? Nixon, born 09 September 1641 in Dalston, Cumberland Co., England; died in England. She was the daughter of **2170. John Nixon** and **2171. Isabel Nixon**.

Child of Thomas? Routledge and Dorothy? Nixon is:

542 i. John Routledge, born 11 June 1676 in Brewcastle, Cumberland Co., England; died 30 June 1725 in Southampton Twp., Bucks Co., PA; married Margaret Dalton 09 July 1701 in Falls Twp., Bucks Co., PA.

1086. Thomas Dalton, born Abt. 1655 in Cliburn?, Westmoreland Co., England; died in England. He married **1087. Margaret Dent?** 1678.

1087. Margaret Dent?, born Abt. 1655 in England; died in England.

Child of Thomas Dalton and Margaret Dent? is:

543 i. Margaret Dalton, born 07 December 1679 in Cliburn?, Westmoreland Co., England; died 07 April 1735 in Bucks Co., PA; married John Routledge 09 July 1701 in Falls Twp., Bucks Co., PA.

1216. Thomas Sherwood, born 1586 in Ipswich, Suffolk Co., England; died October 1655 in Stratord, Fairfield Co., Connecticut. He married **1217. Mary ?**.

1217. Mary ?

Child of Thomas Sherwood and Mary ? is:

608 i. Matthew Sherwood, born 1643 in Stratfifeld, Fairfield Co., Connecticut; died 26 October 1715 in Bridgeport, Connecticut; married Mary Fitch Abt. 1671.

1218. Thomas Fitche, born 24 October 1612 in Brocking, Essex, England; died 14 April 1704 in Norwalk, Farifield Co., Connecticut. He was the son of **2436. Thomas Fitche** and **2437. Anna Reeve**. He married **1219. Anna Stacie**.

1219. Anna Stacie, born Abt. 1612 in Brocking, Essex, England.

Child of Thomas Fitche and Anna Stacie is:

609 i. Mary Fitch, born Abt. 1643 in Brocking, Essex, England; died 25 December 1730 in Bridgeport, Connecticut; married Matthew Sherwood Abt. 1671.

1232. William Bradford III, born Abt. 1589 in Austerffield, York, England; died 09 May 1657 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts. He was the son of **2464. William Bradford II** and **2465. Alice Hanson**. He married **1233. Alice Carpenter** 14 August 1623 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts.

1233. Alice Carpenter, born 03 August 1590 in Wrington, Somerset, England; died 26 March 1670. She was the daughter of **2466. Alexander Carpenter**.

Notes for William Bradford III:
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More About William Bradford III:
Burial: Burial Hill, Plymouth, Massachusetts

Children of William Bradford and Alice Carpenter are:

616 i. William Bradford IV, born 17 June 1624 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts; died 20 February 1703/04 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts; married (1) Mary Fitch; married (2) Alice Richards Aft. 23 April 1650 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts; married (3) Mary Atwood 24 December 1675 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts.

ii. Mercy Bradford, born 1627 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts.

620 iii. Joseph Bradford, born 1630 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts; died 10 July 1715 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts; married Jael Hobart 25 May 1664 in Hingham, MA.

iv. Alice Bradford, born 1632 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts.

1236. Benjamin Bartlett, born Bef. 06 June 1633 in Plymouth/Duxbury, MA; died Bet. 21 - 28 August 1691 in Duxbury, MA. He was the son of **2472. Robert Bartlett** and **2473. Mary Warren**. He married **1237. Sarah Brewster** Aft. 04 April 1654 in Duxbury, MA.

1237. Sarah Brewster, born Abt. 1635 in Plymouth, MA; died Bet. 1667 - 1668 in Duxbury, MA. She was the daughter of **2474. Love Brewster** and **2475. Sarah Collier**.

Children of Benjamin Bartlett and Sarah Brewster are:

618 i. Benjamin Bartlett, born 1658 in Duxbury, MA; died Bet. 1717 - 1724 in Duxbury, MA; married Ruth Pabodie December 1676 in Duxburry, MA.

ii. Rebecca Bartlett

iii. Samuel Bartlett, born Abt. 1662.

1238. William Pabodie He married **1239. Elizabeth Alden** 26 December 1644.

1239. Elizabeth Alden, born Abt. 1624; died 21 May 1717 in Little Compton, MA. She was the daughter of **2478. John Alden** and **2479. Priscilla Mullins**.

Child of William Pabodie and Elizabeth Alden is:

619 i. Ruth Pabodie, born 27 June 1658 in Duxbury, MA; died 27 August 1740; married Benjamin Bartlett December 1676 in Duxburry, MA.

1242. Peter Hobart He married **1243. Elizabeth Ilbrook**.

1243. Elizabeth Ilbrook

Child of Peter Hobart and Elizabeth Ilbrook is:

621 i. Jael Hobart, born 30 December 1643 in Hingman, MA; died 14 April 1730 in Kingston, MA; married Joseph Bradford 25 May 1664 in Hingham, MA.

1248. James Badcock, Sr., born 1612 in Essex County, England; died 12 June 1679 in Westerly, RI. He married **1249. Sarah**.

1249. Sarah, died 1665.

Child of James Badcock and Sarah is:

624 i. John Babcock, Sr., born 1644 in Portsmouth, RI; died 1685 in Westerly, RI; married Mary Lawton.

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2048. Thomas Willets, born Abt. 1540 in Staffordshire, England; died Unknown in Rowley Regis?, Stafford Co., England. He married **2049. Unknown**.

2049. Unknown

Child of Thomas Willets and Unknown is:

1024 i. Richard Willets, born 13 October 1573 in Rowley Regis, Stafford Co., England; died 20 February 1658/59 in Rowley Regis, Stafford Co., England; married Elizabeth? Grove? Abt. 1607 in Rowley Regis?, Stafford Co., England.

2052. John Washbourne, born Abt. 1555 in Bengeworth, Evesham, Worchestershire, England; died Abt. 1632 in England. He was the son of **4104. John Washbourne** and **4105. Joan Bushell**. He married **2053. Martha Timbrell** 06 July 1596.

2053. Martha Timbrell, born Unknown in England; died Unknown in England.

Child of John Washbourne and Martha Timbrell is:

1026 i. William Washburn, born 09 November 1601 in Bengeworth, Worchestershire, England; died 18 April 1658 in Hempstead, Long Island, NY; married Jane Nichols? Abt. 1623 in England.

2054. Francis? Nichols?, born in England; died Abt. 1652 in Stratford, CT.

Child of Francis? Nichols? is:

1027 i. Jane Nichols?, born Unknown in England; died Abt. 1668 in Hempstead, Long Island, NY; married William Washburn Abt. 1623 in England.

2056. Henry Townsend, born 31 May 1568 in Bacon Ash, Norwich Co., England; died 22 August 1625 in Gedding, Suffolk Co., England. He was the son of **4112. Thomas Townsend** and **4113. Elizabeth Periente**. He married **2057. Margaret Forthe** Unknown in Unknown.

2057. Margaret Forthe, born Abt. 1567 in Norwich Co.?, England; died 23 June 1596 in Bacon Ash, Norwich Co., England.

Child of Henry Townsend and Margaret Forthe is:

1028 i. Robert Townsend, born 18 June 1591 in Bracon Ash, Norwich Co., England; died Unknown in England; married Unknown Unknown in Norwich Co., England.

2060. John Cole, born Unknown in England; died Unknown in England. He married **2061. Unknown** Unknown in England.

2061. Unknown, born Unknown in England; died Unknown in England.

Child of John Cole and Unknown is:

1030 i. Robert Coles, born Abt. 1597 in Sudbury, Suffolk Co., England; died 25 October 1655 in Warwick, RI; married Mary? Hawkshurst Abt. 1625 in England.

2062. Sampson Hawkshurst, born Abt. 1570 in Marcy, Northampton Co., England; died Abt. 1626 in Nuniation, Warwickshire, England. He was the son of **4124. Christopher Hawkshurst** and **4125. Elizabeth (Hawkshurst)**. He married **2063. Unknown** Unknown in England.

2063. Unknown, born Unknown in England; died Unknown in England.

Child of Sampson Hawkshurst and Unknown is:

1031 i. Mary? Hawkshurst, born Unknown in England; died Abt. 1663 in Oyster Bay, Long Island, NY; married Robert Coles Abt. 1625 in England.

2122. William Swift, born Abt. 1595 in Bockling?, Essex Co., England; died January 1642/43 in Sandwich,

MA. He married **2123. Joane Sisson?** Abt. 1621 in England.

2123. Joane Sisson?, born Abt. 1595 in Essex Co., England; died 26 November 1663 in Sandwich, MA.

Child of William Swift and Joane Sisson? is:

1061 i. Esther (Easter) Swift, born Abt. 1624 in Bockling?, Essex Co., England; died in Sandwich, MA; married Ralph Allen Abt. 1642.

2124. Henry Howland, born Abt. 1574 in FenStanton, Huntingdonshire, England; died 17 May 1635 in FenStanton, Huntingdonshire, England. He married **2125. Alice? Ayres?** 26 April 1600 in England.

2125. Alice? Ayres?, born 1567 in FenStanton, Huntingdonshire, England.

Children of Henry Howland and Alice? Ayres? are:

1062 i. Henry Howland, born 25 November 1604 in FenStanton, Huntingdonshire, England; died 17 January 1670/71 in Duxbury, MA; married Mary Newland in England.

ii. John Howland, born Abt. 1592 in FenStanton, Huntingdonshire, England; died 23 February 1672/73 in Plymouth, MA; married Elizabeth Tilley Abt. 25 April 1623 in Plymouth, MA; born 1607 in Henlow, Huntingdonshire, England; died 21 December 1687 in Swansea, MA.

Notes for John Howland:
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More About John Howland:
Burial: 1673, Plymouth, MA

Notes for Elizabeth Tilley:
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iii. Arthur Howland, died 30 November 1675 in Marshfield, MA; married Margaret Reed Walker.

iv. Humphrey Howland, born Abt. 1601.

v. George Howland, born Abt. 1608.

vi. Margaret Howland, born 1602 in FenStanton, Huntingdonshire, England.

2128. John? Stevenson, born in Hertford Co., England; died Abt. 1620 in Amwell, Hertford Co., England.

Child of John? Stevenson is:

1064 i. Thomas Stevenson, born Abt. 1614 in Amwell?, Hertford Co., England; died Abt. 1662 in Newton, Long Island, NY; married Mary Bullock 15 August 1645 in New Amsterdam, NY.

2130. Henry? Bullock, born Abt. 1602 in England; died Abt. 1659. He was the son of **4260. Edward? Bullock**. He married **2131. Susana ?** Abt. 1622.

2131. Susana ?, born Abt. 1602 in England; died in England.

Child of Henry? Bullock and Susana ? is:

1065 i. Mary Bullock, born Abt. 1620 in London?, England; died Abt. 1652 in Newton, Long Island, NY; married Thomas Stevenson 15 August 1645 in New Amsterdam, NY.

2132. Thomas Lawrence, born 02 February 1588/89 in St. Albans, Hertford Co., England; died 20 March 1623/24 in Great St. Albans, Hertford Co., England. He was the son of **4264. John Lawrence** and **4265. Margaret Roberts**. He married **2133. Joane Antrobus** 23 October 1609 in St. Albans, Hertford Co., England.

2133. Joane Antrobus, born 25 June 1592 in St. Albans, Hertford Co., England; died Abt. 1665 in Carrickfergus, Antrim, Ireland. She was the daughter of **4266. Walter Antrobus** and **4267. Joane Arnold**.

Child of Thomas Lawrence and Joane Antrobus is:

1066 i. William Lawrence, born 27 July 1622 in St. Albans, Hertford Co., England; died Abt. 1680 in Flushing, Long Island, NY; married Mary? Sprague? Abt. 1642 in Duxbury, MA.

2134. Francis? Sprague?, born in England; died Aft. 1666 in Duxbury, MA.

Child of Francis? Sprague? is:

1067 i. Mary? Sprague?, born Abt. 1623 in England; died Abt. 1657 in Flushing, Long Island, NY; married William Lawrence Abt. 1642 in Duxbury, MA.

2148. Robert Heaton, born Abt. 1594 in Wharfe Cla;pham, Yorkshire, England; died Abt. 1668 in Wharfe Cla;pham, Yorkshire, England. He married **2149. Unknown** Abt. 1636 in Yorkshire, England.

2149. Unknown, born Abt. 1611 in Clapham, Yorkshire, England; died Abt. 1673 in Clapham, Yorkshire, England.

Child of Robert Heaton and Unknown is:

1074 i. Robert Heaton, born 25 March 1642 in Wharfe Cla;pham, Yorkshire, England; died 16 July 1717 in Middletown Twp., Bucks Co., PA; married Alice ? Abt. 1655.

2156. Thomas Taylor, born 09 October 1594 in Great Budworth, Cheshire, England; died 01 February 1668/69 in Clatterwich, Little Leigh, Cheshrire, England. He was the son of **4312. John Taylor** and **4313. Ellen Massey**. He married **2157. Mary Barrow** 21 September 1630 in Whitegate, Cheshire, England.

2157. Mary Barrow, born Abt. 1605 in Davenham, Cheshire, England; died in Clatterwich, Little Leigh, Cheshrire, England.

Child of Thomas Taylor and Mary Barrow is:

1078 i. Robert Taylor, born 15 December 1633 in Clatterwich, Great Budworth, Cheshrire, England; died 16 May 1695 in Springfield, Chester Co., PA; married Mary Hayes (Hey) Abt. 1662.

2158. Jonathan Hey (Hayes), born Abt. 1615 in Cheshire, England; died in Cheshire, England. He married **2159. Margaret Merrick** 01 August 1640 in Cheshire, England.

2159. Margaret Merrick, born Abt. 1615 in Cheshire, England; died in Cheshire, England.

Child of Jonathan (Hayes) and Margaret Merrick is:

1079 i. Mary Hayes (Hey), born Abt. 1641 in Clatterwich, Great Budworth, Cheshrire, England; died 11 April 1728 in Chester Co., PA; married Robert Taylor Abt. 1662.

2160. William? Strickland, born Abt. 1596 in Cartmel ?, Lancashire, England; died in Cartmel ?, Lancashire, England. He married **2161. Catherine? Fedder?.**

2161. Catherine? Fedder?, born in England.

Child of William? Strickland and Catherine? Fedder? is:

1080 i. John Strickland, born Abt. 1632 in Lancashire, England; died 1675 in Cartmel ?, Lancashire, England; married Janet Bell 23 June 1661 in Cartmel, Lancashire, England.

2162. Anthony Bell, born 25 May 1609 in Allithwaite, Cartmel, Lancashire, England; died Bef. 1683 in England. He was the son of **4324. William Bell** and **4325. Janett Barrowe**. He married **2163. Mabel Walker** 17 February 1629/30 in Colton, Lancashire, England.

2163. Mabel Walker, born Bet. 1607 - 1610 in England; died 26 December 1683 in Kentsbank, Cartmel, Lancashire, England.

Child of Anthony Bell and Mabel Walker is:

1081 i. Janet Bell, born 23 December 1638 in Cartmelfell, Lancashire, England; died 18 September 1697 in Dublin, Ireland; married John Strickland 23 June 1661 in Cartmel, Lancashire, England.

2164. Thomas? Wharton, born 1615 in Wharton Hall/Kirk, Westmoreland Co., England; died 1684 in Westmoreland, Co., England. He married **2165. Mary? Carey**.

2165. Mary? Carey, born in Westmoreland, Co., England.

Child of Thomas? Wharton and Mary? Carey is:

1082 i. Thomas Wharton, born Abt. 1640 in Orton (Offerton), Westmoreland Co., England; died in Dublin, Ireland; married Margaret Rydall? Abt. 1662.

2168. William Routledge, born Abt. 1621 in Cumberland Co., England; died Abt. 1728 in Philadelphia, PA.

Child of William Routledge is:

1084 i. Thomas? Routledge, born Abt. 1643 in Bewcastle, Cumberland Co., England; died in England; married Dorothy? Nixon 19 November 1669 in Bewcastle, England.

2170. John Nixon, born 14 November 1621 in Dalston, Cumberland Co., England. He was the son of **4340. George Nixon** and **4341. Katherin Lowther**. He married **2171. Isabel Nixon** 02 February 1639/40 in Dalston, Cumberland Co., England.

2171. Isabel Nixon, born Abt. 1620.

Child of John Nixon and Isabel Nixon is:

1085 i. Dorothy? Nixon, born 09 September 1641 in Dalston, Cumberland Co., England; died in England; married Thomas? Routledge 19 November 1669 in Bewcastle, England.

2436. Thomas Fitche, born Abt. 1590 in Bocking, Essex, England. He was the son of **4872. Thomas Fitche** and **4873. Ann Bentley**. He married **2437. Anna Reeve**.

2437. Anna Reeve, born Abt. 1565. She was the daughter of **4874. John Reeve** and **4875. Mary Brock**.

Child of Thomas Fitche and Anna Reeve is:

1218 i. Thomas Fitche, born 24 October 1612 in Brocking, Essex, England; died 14 April 1704 in Norwalk, Farifield Co., Connecticut; married Anna Stacie.

2464. William Bradford II, born 1558 in Austerffield, York, England; died July 1591 in Yorkshire, England. He was the son of **4928. William Bradford I** and **4929. Margaret Fox**. He married **2465. Alice Hanson** 21 June 1584 in Austerffield, York, England.

2465. Alice Hanson, born Abt. 1562 in Austerffield, York, England.

Children of William Bradford and Alice Hanson are:

1232 i. William Bradford III, born Abt. 1589 in Austerffield, York, England; died 09 May 1657 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts; married (1) Dorothy May 10 December 1613; married (2) Alice Carpenter 14 August 1623 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts.

ii. Margaret Bradford, born 08 March 1584/85 in Austerffield, York, England.

iii. Alilce Bradford, born 30 October 1587 in Austerffield, York, England.

2466. Alexander Carpenter

Child of Alexander Carpenter is:

1233 i. Alice Carpenter, born 03 August 1590 in Wrington, Somerset, England; died 26 March 1670; married (1) Edward Southworth 28 May 1613 in Leydon, Holland; married (2) William Bradford III 14 August 1623 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts.

2472. Robert Bartlett, died Bet. 19 September - 29 October 1676 in Plymouth, MA. He married **2473. Mary Warren** Aft. 22 May 1627.

2473. Mary Warren, born Abt. 1610 in England; died 27 March 1683 in Plymouth, MA. She was the daughter of **4946. Richard Warren** and **4947. Elizabeth**.

Children of Robert Bartlett and Mary Warren are:

1236 i. Benjamin Bartlett, born Bef. 06 June 1633 in Plymouth/Duxbury, MA; died Bet. 21 - 28 August 1691 in Duxbury, MA; married Sarah Brewster Aft. 04 April 1654 in Duxbury, MA.

ii. Rebecca Bartlett, born Bef. December 1634.

iii. Mary Bartlett, born Abt. 1634.

iv. Sarah Bartlett

v. Joseph Bartlett, born Abt. 1639.

vi. Elizabeth Bartlett, born Abt. 1643.

vii. Lydia Bartlett, born 08 June 1648.

viii. Mercy Bartlett, born 10 March 1650/51.

2474. Love Brewster, born Abt. 1611 in Holland; died 1650 in Duxbury, MA. He was the son of **4948. William Brewster** and **4949. Mary**. He married **2475. Sarah Collier** 15 May 1634 in Plymouth, MA.
2475. Sarah Collier, born Abt. 1615 in England; died 16 April 1691 in Plymouth, MA.

Children of Love Brewster and Sarah Collier are:
1237 i. Sarah Brewster, born Abt. 1635 in Plymouth, MA; died Bet. 1667 - 1668 in Duxbury, MA; married Benjamin Bartlett Aft. 04 April 1654 in Duxbury, MA.
ii. Nathaniel Brewster, born Abt. 1637.
iii. William Brewster, born Abt. 1645.
iv. Wrestling Brewster

2478. John Alden, born Abt. 1599 in Possibly in Southampton, England; died 12 September 1687 in Duxbury, MA. He married **2479. Priscilla Mullins** Abt. 1623 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts.
2479. Priscilla Mullins, died Aft. 1651. She was the daughter of **4958. William Mullins** and **4959. Alice**.

Notes for John Alden:
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Notes for Priscilla Mullins:
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Children of John Alden and Priscilla Mullins are:
1239 i. Elizabeth Alden, born Abt. 1624; died 21 May 1717 in Little Compton, MA; married William Pabodie 26 December 1644.
ii. John Alden, born Abt. 1626; married Elizabeth Everill 01 April 1659.
iii. Joseph Alden, born Abt. 1627; married Mary Simons Abt. 1660.
iv. Priscilla Alden, born Abt. 1630.
v. Jonathan Alden, born Abt. 1632; died 14 February 1696/97; married Abagail Hallett 10 December 1672 in Duxburry, MA.
vi. Sarh Alden, born Abt. 1634; married Alexander Standish Abt. 1660.
vii. Ruth Alden, born Abt. 1636; married John Bass 03 February 1657/58 in Braintree, MA.
viii. Mary Alden, born Abt. 1638.
ix. Rebecca Alden, born Abt. 1640; married Thomas Delano Bef. 30 October 1667.
x. David Alden, born Abt. 1642; married Mary Southworth Abt. 1674.

Generation No. 13

4104. John Washbourne, born in Bengeworth, Worcestershire, England; died Abt. 1593 in Bengeworth, Worcestershire, England. He was the son of **8208. John Washbourne** and **8209. Emma ?**. He married **4105. Joan Bushell** Abt. 1542.
4105. Joan Bushell, born in England; died Abt. 1558 in Bengeworth, Worcestershire, England.

Child of John Washbourne and Joan Bushell is:
2052 i. John Washbourne, born Abt. 1555 in Bengeworth, Evesham, Worchestershire, England; died Abt. 1632 in England; married Martha Timbrell 06 July 1596.

4112. Thomas Townsend, born in Bracon Ash, Norfolk Co., England; died in Bracon Ash, Norfolk Co., England. He was the son of **8224. Robert Townsend** and **8225. Alice Poppy**. He married **4113. Elizabeth Periente** in England.
4113. Elizabeth Periente, born in England; died in Bracon Ash, Norfolk Co., England. She was the daughter of **8226. George Periente**.

Child of Thomas Townsend and Elizabeth Periente is:
2056 i. Henry Townsend, born 31 May 1568 in Bacon Ash, Norwich Co., England; died 22 August 1625 in Gedding, Suffolk Co., England; married Margaret Forthe Unknown in Unknown.

4124. Christopher Hawkshurst, born in England; died Abt. 1576 in St. Chads, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, England. He married **4125. Elizabeth (Hawkshurst)** Abt. 1550.

4125. Elizabeth (Hawkshurst), born in England; died in England.

Child of Christopher Hawkshurst and Elizabeth (Hawkshurst) is:

2062 i. Sampson Hawkshurst, born Abt. 1570 in Marcy, Northampton Co., England; died Abt. 1626 in Nuniation, Warwickshire, England; married Unknown Unknown in England.

4260. Edward? Bullock, born Abt. 1580 in Essex Co., England; died Abt. 1644 in Faulkborn Manor, Essex Co., England. He was the son of **8520. John? Bullock**.

Child of Edward? Bullock is:

2130 i. Henry? Bullock, born Abt. 1602 in England; died Abt. 1659; married Susana ? Abt. 1622.

4264. John Lawrence, born 12 January 1560/61 in St. Albans, Hertford Co., England; died 24 June 1609 in St. Albans, Hertford Co., England. He was the son of **8528. William? Lawrence** and **8529. Catherine? Beaumond?**. He married **4265. Margaret Roberts** 25 January 1585/86 in St. Albans, Hertford Co., England.

4265. Margaret Roberts, born Abt. 1560 in Hertford Co., England; died in St. Albans, Hertford Co., England.

Child of John Lawrence and Margaret Roberts is:

2132 i. Thomas Lawrence, born 02 February 1588/89 in St. Albans, Hertford Co., England; died 20 March 1623/24 in Great St. Albans, Hertford Co., England; married Joane Antrobus 23 October 1609 in St. Albans, Hertford Co., England.

4266. Walter Antrobus, born Abt. 1550 in Over Knutsford, Cheshire, England; died 05 April 1614 in St. Albans, Hertford Co., England. He was the son of **8532. William Antrobus** and **8533. Elizabeth (Antrobus)**. He married **4267. Joane Arnold** 08 February 1585/86 in St. Albans, Hertford Co., England.

4267. Joane Arnold, born 03 June 1571 in St. Albans, Hertford Co., England; died Abt. 1637 in Ipswich, MA. She was the daughter of **8534. John Arnold** and **8535. Elizabeth (Arnold)**.

Child of Walter Antrobus and Joane Arnold is:

2133 i. Joane Antrobus, born 25 June 1592 in St. Albans, Hertford Co., England; died Abt. 1665 in Carrickfergus, Antrim, Ireland; married Thomas Lawrence 23 October 1609 in St. Albans, Hertford Co., England.

4312. John Taylor, born Abt. 1550 in Clatterwich, Little Leigh, Cheshrire, England; died 09 April 1627 in Clatterwich, Little Leigh, Cheshrire, England. He married **4313. Ellen Massey** 11 December 1586 in Great Budworth, Cheshire, England.

4313. Ellen Massey, born in Cheshire, England; died Abt. 1602 in Clatterwich, Little Leigh, Cheshrire, England.

Child of John Taylor and Ellen Massey is:

2156 i. Thomas Taylor, born 09 October 1594 in Great Budworth, Cheshire, England; died 01 February 1668/69 in Clatterwich, Little Leigh, Cheshrire, England; married Mary Barrow 21 September 1630 in Whitegate, Cheshire, England.

4324. William Bell, born 02 September 1573 in Cartmel, Lancashire, England. He married **4325. Janett Barrowe** 24 August 1608 in Cartmel, Lancashire, England.

4325. Janett Barrowe, born Abt. 1580 in England; died 06 December 1616 in Alithwaite, Cartmel, Lancashire, England.

Child of William Bell and Janett Barrowe is:

2162 i. Anthony Bell, born 25 May 1609 in Allithwaite, Cartmel, Lancashire, England; died Bef. 1683 in England; married Mabel Walker 17 February 1629/30 in Colton, Lancashire, England.

4340. George Nixon, born 12 September 1596 in Dalston, Cumberland Co., England; died 1663 in Dalston, Cumberland Co., England. He was the son of **8680. John Nixon** and **8681. Janet (Nixon)**. He married **4341.**

Katherin Lowther 02 December 1620 in Dalston, Cumberland Co., England.
4341. Katherin Lowther, born Abt. 1595.

Child of George Nixon and Katherin Lowther is:
2170 i. John Nixon, born 14 November 1621 in Dalston, Cumberland Co., England; married Isabel Nixon 02 February 1639/40 in Dalston, Cumberland Co., England.

4872. Thomas Fitche, born 1522. He married **4873. Ann Bentley**.
4873. Ann Bentley

Child of Thomas Fitche and Ann Bentley is:
2436 i. Thomas Fitche, born Abt. 1590 in Bocking, Essex, England; married Anna Reeve.

4874. John Reeve, died 1620 in Goefield, England. He married **4875. Mary Brock**.
4875. Mary Brock

Child of John Reeve and Mary Brock is:
2437 i. Anna Reeve, born Abt. 1565; married Thomas Fitche.

4928. William Bradford I, born Abt. 1532 in Austerffield, York, England; died 10 January 1595/96 in Austerffield, York, England. He married **4929. Margaret Fox** 19 October 1567 in Austerffield, York, England.
4929. Margaret Fox, born Abt. 1538 in Austerffield, York, England.

Children of William Bradford and Margaret Fox are:
2464 i. William Bradford II, born 1558 in Austerffield, York, England; died July 1591 in Yorkshire, England; married Alice Hanson 21 June 1584 in Austerffield, York, England.
ii. Alice Bradford, born Abt. 1557 in Austerffield, York, England.
iii. Robert Bradford, born Abt. 1567 in Austerffield, York, England.
iv. Elizabeth Bradford, born Abt. 1570 in Austerffield, York, England.
v. Thomas Bradford, born in Austerffield, York, England.

4946. Richard Warren He married **4947. Elizabeth**.
4947. Elizabeth

Child of Richard Warren and Elizabeth is:
2473 i. Mary Warren, born Abt. 1610 in England; died 27 March 1683 in Plymouth, MA; married Robert Bartlett Aft. 22 May 1627.

4948. William Brewster, born Abt. 1566 in Doncaster, Yorkshire, England; died 10 April 1644 in Plymouth, MA. He married **4949. Mary** Bef. 1593 in England.
4949. Mary, born Abt. 1568 in Probably in England; died 17 April 1627 in Plymouth, MA.

Notes for William Brewster:
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Children of William Brewster and Mary are:
2474 i. Love Brewster, born Abt. 1611 in Holland; died 1650 in Duxbury, MA; married Sarah Collier 15 May 1634 in Plymouth, MA.
ii. Wrestling Brewster, born 1614.
iii. Jonathan Brewster, born 12 August 1593.
iv. Patience Brewster, born Abt. 1600.
v. Fear Brewster, born Abt. 1606.
vi. Child Brewster, born Abt. 1609.

4958. William Mullins He married **4959. Alice**.
4959. Alice

Notes for William Mullins:
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Notes for Alice:
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Child of William Mullins and Alice is:
2479 i. Priscilla Mullins, died Aft. 1651; married John Alden Abt. 1623 in Plymouth, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts.

Generation No. 14

8208. John Washbourne, born in Wickhamford, Worchestershire, England; died Abt. 1546 in Bengeworth, Worcestershire, England. He married **8209. Emma ?.**

8209. Emma ?, born in England; died in Bengeworth, Worcestershire, England.

Child of John Washbourne and Emma ? is:
4104 i. John Washbourne, born in Bengeworth, Worcestershire, England; died Abt. 1593 in Bengeworth, Worcestershire, England; married Joan Bushell Abt. 1542.

8224. Robert Townsend, born in England; died Abt. 1556 in Salop, England. He married **8225. Alice Poppy**.

8225. Alice Poppy, born in Twyford, Norfolk Co., England; died in England.

Child of Robert Townsend and Alice Poppy is:
4112 i. Thomas Townsend, born in Bracon Ash, Norfolk Co., England; died in Bracon Ash, Norfolk Co., England; married Elizabeth Periente in England.

8226. George Periente, born in Digswell, Hertford Co., England; died Abt. 1532 in Lavenham, Suffold Co., England.

Child of George Periente is:
4113 i. Elizabeth Periente, born in England; died in Bracon Ash, Norfolk Co., England; married Thomas Townsend in England.

8520. John? Bullock, born Abt. 1565 in Essex Co., England; died in Essex Co., England.

Child of John? Bullock is:
4260 i. Edward? Bullock, born Abt. 1580 in Essex Co., England; died Abt. 1644 in Faulkborn Manor, Essex Co., England; married Abt. 1602 in Esses Co.?, England.

8528. William? Lawrence, born Abt. 1525 in St. Albans, Hertford Co., England; died in St. Albans, Hertford Co., England. He was the son of **17056. John? Lawrence**. He married **8529. Catherine? Beaumond?** Abt. 1559.

8529. Catherine? Beaumond?, born Abt. 1525 in Hertford Co., England; died in St. Albans, Hertford Co., England.

Child of William? Lawrence and Catherine? Beaumond? is:
4264 i. John Lawrence, born 12 January 1560/61 in St. Albans, Hertford Co., England; died 24 June 1609 in St. Albans, Hertford Co., England; married Margaret Roberts 25 January 1585/86 in St. Albans, Hertford Co., England.

8532. William Antrobus, born Abt. 1517 in Over Peaover, Cheshire, England; died in Over Knutsford, Cheshire, England. He was the son of **17064. Ralph Antrobus**. He married **8533. Elizabeth (Antrobus)** Abt. 1545.

8533. Elizabeth (Antrobus), born Abt. 1520 in Cheshire, England; died in St. Albans, Hertford Co., England.

Child of William Antrobus and Elizabeth (Antrobus) is:
4266 i. Walter Antrobus, born Abt. 1550 in Over Knutsford, Cheshire, England; died 05 April 1614 in St. Albans,

Hertford Co., England; married Joane Arnold 08 February 1585/86 in St. Albans, Hertford Co., England.

8534. John Arnold, born Abt. 1535 in England; died Abt. 1578 in St. Albans, Hertford Co., England. He was the son of **17068. John Arnold**. He married **8535. Elizabeth (Arnold)** Abt. 1561.
8535. Elizabeth (Arnold), born Abt. 1537 in England; died Abt. 1578 in St. Albans, Hertford Co., England.

Child of John Arnold and Elizabeth (Arnold) is:
4267 i. Joane Arnold, born 03 June 1571 in St. Albans, Hertford Co., England; died Abt. 1637 in Ipswich, MA; married Walter Antrobus 08 February 1585/86 in St. Albans, Hertford Co., England.

8680. John Nixon, born Bet. 1565 - 1570 in Dalston, Cumberland Co., England; died in England. He married **8681. Janet (Nixon)** 26 November 1592 in Dalston, Cumberland Co., England.
8681. Janet (Nixon), born Abt. 1570 in England.

Child of John Nixon and Janet (Nixon) is:
4340 i. George Nixon, born 12 September 1596 in Dalston, Cumberland Co., England; died 1663 in Dalston, Cumberland Co., England; married Katherin Lowther 02 December 1620 in Dalston, Cumberland Co., England.

Generation No. 15

17056. John? Lawrence, born Abt. 1510 in Withington, Gloucestershire, England; died Abt. 1578 in St. Albans, Hertford Co., England.

Child of John? Lawrence is:
8528 i. William? Lawrence, born Abt. 1525 in St. Albans, Hertford Co., England; died in St. Albans, Hertford Co., England; married Catherine? Beaumond? Abt. 1559.

17064. Ralph Antrobus, born Abt. 1475 in Cheshire, England; died in Over Peaover, Cheshire, England.

Child of Ralph Antrobus is:
8532 i. William Antrobus, born Abt. 1517 in Over Peaover, Cheshire, England; died in Over Knutsford, Cheshire, England; married Elizabeth (Antrobus) Abt. 1545.

17068. John Arnold, born Abt. 1510 in England; died Abt. 1583 in St. Albans, Hertford Co., England.

Child of John Arnold is:
8534 i. John Arnold, born Abt. 1535 in England; died Abt. 1578 in St. Albans, Hertford Co., England; married Elizabeth (Arnold) Abt. 1561.

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the Opelousas districts of Louisiana, Joseph Willis appeared as their first leader. Like a tapestry, the threads of his life were woven into the beginnings of Baptists in central and southwestern Louisiana and formed the warp and woof of an organization that has endured since the opening of the nineteenth century.

Unfortunately, details of the birth and early life of Joseph Willis are shrouded in mystery. He probably did not know the exact date of his birth. Speculation by past chroniclers, based on an imprecise record in the minutes of the Louisiana Association, ranges from 1758 to 1762. A date closer to 1770 seems more probable.[43] Willis grew to maturity in South Carolina; but the contention of some of his descendants that he was born in Bladen County, North Carolina, which may be true, appears to be unverifiable.[44] At least during his early manhood Willis lived in the mountainous northwestern area of South Carolina, not far from the North Carolina border, in upper Greenville County between the Saluda and the Enoree Rivers. There the Main Saluda River Church was organized in 1789, probably in the neighborhood of Head of Enoree, and entered Bethel Association in 1793. During the next three years Joseph Willis attended the association as the representative of this church. He was one of "its outstanding members" but soon united with the Head of Enoree Church. The latter church had a "large and scattered congregation served by an unusual number of licensed preachers and candidates." Willis was licensed to preach by the Head of Enoree Church shortly after he united with it. In 1799

[43] Willis preached at the annual session of the Louisiana Association in 1852, when he was "said to be ninety-four years old"; at the association in 1854, when his death was noted, his age at death was given as ninety-two. W. E. Paxton, *A History of the Baptists of Louisiana from the Earliest Times to the Present* (St. Louis: C. R. Barns Publishing Co., 1888), pp. 214, 216. John O'Quin, a colleague and close personal friend of Joseph Willis, as was his father Ezekiel O'Quin, in a letter to John Houston Strother in 1894, wrote: "I can give you correct information, as my father was raised in the same neighborhood with Eld. Joseph Willis in South Carolina." Ivan M. Wise, *Footsteps of the Flock: or Origins of Louisiana Baptists* (Crowley, La.: L. Nussbaum, Jr., 1910), p. 115. Ezekiel O'Quin was born in 1781. Strother's correct name is given here; it was not John J., as in Wise.

[44] Greene W. Strother, "About Joseph Willis" (Th.M. thesis, Baptist Bible Institute [now New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary], New Orleans, 1934), p. 16. This view also holds that Willis was born in 1750; it is based on flimsy evidence, less than convincing testimony, given about seventy-five years after the event, concerning remarks heard by youngsters attending their aged and ill grandfather. If born in 1750, Willis was pastor of a church at ninety-nine, preached before his association at one hundred two, and died at one hundred four years of age; moreover, in that event, he was not "raised in the same neighborhood with" Ezekiel O'Quin.

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he joined other "ministers" and several officers in a petition which resulted in the incorporation of the congregation as "The Head of Enoree Baptist Society." [45]

Consequently, Joseph Willis could not have entered Mississippi prior to 1799, as traditional accounts have inferred, but might have appeared there early enough to participate in the organization of Bethel Church in Wilkinson County in the year 1800. He tarried briefly in Mississippi before making a scouting trip into Louisiana in the fall of 1804. In November of that year, at the risk of his life, he preached at Vermilion—now Lafayette, some forty or fifty miles southwest of Baton Rouge—the first sermon known to have been preached by a Baptist minister in Louisiana west of the Mississippi River. Ranging northwestward about twelve or fifteen miles, he also preached at Plaquemine Brule, about thirteen miles northeast of the present Crowley. This preaching tour took Willis into the heart of French-speaking Louisiana; he was the first Baptist to undertake such a mission. Contrary to the eulogium published in the 1854 minutes of Louisiana Association, Willis did not preach in that area "before the American flag was hoisted" there, since the United States acquired Louisiana in 1803; yet he did suffer persecution, for even then in the rural outposts latent hostility plagued the new Protestant settlers from other parts. Concluding his tour in 1804, Willis traveled northward to Bayou Chicot, now in Evangeline Parish about thirty-five miles south of Alexandria, where he had friends and where he decided to settle.

In 1805, accordingly, Willis brought his family to Bayou Chicot. Records at the courthouse in Opelousas reveal that he sold some slaves in 1805 and that he purchased land in 1809. His first-born, Joseph Willis, Jr., who was born in South Carolina, in later years often told of his adventurous crossing of the Mississippi River at Natchez when as a lad he accompanied his father to Bayou Chicot. Willis might have brought with him an infant daughter, the child of his second wife, who upon reaching maturity married William Dyer. Joseph Willis was married four times and was the father of nineteen children. At Bayou Chicot, though he was only a licensed minister, he immediately took up his work as an itinerant missionary evangelist, traveling and preaching throughout the surrounding region.

Curiously, in spite of the acknowledged effectiveness of his min-

[45] King, *op. cit.*, pp. 109-10.

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istry and the fact that he repeatedly sought ordination from the nearest Baptist community—his friends and fellow ministers in Mississippi—Willis was forced to labor at Bayou Chicot for seven years without ordination. Under similar conditions, more aggressive men in other areas had organized churches without the benefit of the presence of ordained ministers. Although Willis was the first known Baptist minister to settle in Louisiana and might have organized a church in 1804 or 1805, he was not innovative; rather, conforming to his traditional orientation, he remained deferential in his attitude toward the association and its authority and possibly entertained doubts abut his own competence and authority. Moreover, he was reluctant to violate what he conceived to be the "proper" procedure. His patience probably won for him ultimately what he might have lost by aggressiveness. Limited by his education, Willis nevertheless kept a diary or journal in which he recorded details of his pioneer missionary work and thus was the first historian of Louisiana Baptists.[46]

Shortly after he began his ministry at Bayou Chicot, Willis felt the need of ordination so that he might render more extensive and effective service. Consequently, he returned to Mississippi and first requested the church in which he held membership to ordain him. This church resorted to a ruse: on the pretext of not having a pastor and of lacking authority under the circumstances, it advised him to unite with another church which might be able to accommodate him. Willis then united with another church and again requested ordination. That church, more direct and to the point, refused to ordain him "lest the cause of Christ should suffer reproach from the humble social position of his servant."[47] Following the advice of a sympathetic minister friend, Willis eventually turned to the Mississippi Association. At the suggestion of his friend, he took the extraordinary step of securing recommendations from leading citizens of the community in which he lived. Thus Willis appealed to the association for ordination in 1810, the results of that appeal being published in the annual minutes of that body as follows:

[46] Willis turned over his papers to W. P. Ford, who in 1841 arranged them in manuscript form under the title, "History of the Early Baptists of Louisiana." Paxton copied this manuscript in 1858. He acknowledged that the manuscript, together with a file of minutes of the Louisiana Association, furnished virtually all of the information he could obtain about Baptist work in that area. In 1842 the manuscript was presented to the Louisiana Association by Ford and others as a report on the history of the association. Paxton, *op. cit.*, pp. 148-49, 195.

[47] *Ibid.*, p. 142. For a fuller discussion of Joseph Willis see Appendix A.

> A petition was presented to the Association, from certain brethren, and from a number of citizens in Opelousas, praying that bro. J. Willis be set apart, by ordination, to the work of the ministry. Brethren D. Cooper and L. Scarborough were appointed to visit the brethren in Opelousas, and ordain bro. Willis, if they, upon examination shall think it expedient.[48]

Willis waited a year, but there was no "examination," since nobody from the association visited him. In 1811 he attended the annual meeting of the association and was invited to participate in the proceedings. The only help he obtained was that the association appointed Thomas Mercer and David Cooper "to visit the brethren in the Opelousas."[49] During the following year this visit did not take place; however, in 1812, Moses Hadley and Lawrence Scarborough were "appointed to ordain bro. Willis in the Opelousas, and constitute a church" in his community.[50] Soon afterward Hadley and Scarborough traveled to Bayou Chicot, where on November 13, 1812, they constituted a church and ordained Joseph Willis.

Organized with six members, five men and one woman, the church was named Calvary, a New Testament name that suggests the warm piety of Joseph Willis, who was a charter member and who remained a member of Calvary Church until his death. Calvary was the second Baptist church to be organized in the state but was the first west of the Mississippi River. It has functioned continuously since its incunabula and is now the oldest living Baptist church in Louisiana. With Willis as the sole human instrument dedicated to its existence and survival, Calvary Church was gathered as the fruit of his individual missionary labor and was solidly built as part of a great Baptist house upon a rock. Throughout its history there is no record that it ever sought or received financial assistance from any source outside its own membership.

Joseph Willis was the first pastor of Calvary Church, and he remained as pastor for some eighteen or twenty years. He was apparently the first resident Baptist pastor in the state.[51] He lived at Bayou Chicot long before the church was organized there and

[48] Bond, *op. cit.*, p. 21.

[49] *Ibid.*, pp. 25-26.

[50] *Ibid.*, p. 29.

[51] Christian gratuitously accorded Ezra Courtney this honor. See Christian, *op. cit.*, p. 48. It is possible that the first pastor of Half Moon Bluff Church, organized a month prior to Calvary Church, might have resided in the Half Moon Bluff community. This is a matter of conjecture, since no documentation is available.

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continued to live in the vicinity of Calvary Church until about 1830 or shortly thereafter. No allusion to a resident pastor of that period, however, should convey the modern connotation of that term: a full-time church program, a parsonage, multiple weekday administrative duties, and the like. Calvary was a quarter-time church and Willis often preached in other areas. He was available to the people of the community, when not away on a missionary tour, to visit the sick, to solemnize marriages, and to conduct funerals, which sometimes undoubtedly were conducted weeks or even months after the interment of the dead. Rarely perhaps, though it did occur, funeral services for a man's late wife would be conducted after his remarriage. Such customs arose out of frontier conditions: the impracticability of embalming required speedy burial of the dead; inclement weather made roads impassable; and many communities afforded no local minister, the usually available ones frequently itinerating and being absent from home for long periods at a time. Perhaps a carryover from earlier times, except among the Blacks, prompt burial is generally more common today in the South than in most other areas.

In the early 1830's Willis moved to Rapides Parish, where he settled briefly on Spring Creek, east of the Calcasieu River, not far from the present Glenmora. A little later he moved to the vicinity of Tenmile Creek, west of the Calcasieu River. In that region he founded the Occupy Church in 1833 and served as its pastor for about sixteen years. When Willis died on September 14, 1854, he was buried in the cemetery of that church (now known as Occupy No. 1). It is situated about eighteen miles west of Oakdale, not far from Pitkin in the southeastern corner of Vernon Parish. A century later, on January 18, 1954, to honor the memory of Joseph Willis, almost three hundred interested Baptists, including sixteen ministers, endured the wintry blasts of a freezing north wind to unveil a granite monument which stands seven feet tall at the head of his grave. Both the Louisiana Baptist Convention and the Louisiana Association—the first in the state, of which Willis was one of the founders, served as its moderator for several terms, and often preached at its annual meetings—have more than once acknowledged with appropriate tributes the indebtedness of Louisiana Baptists to this pioneer missionary preacher. Feeble and impoverished in his last years, Willis on occasion received generous offerings from the grateful churches at the request of a sympathetic association. Although the appraisal of an early historian that Willis spent a fortune in spreading the gospel in Louisiana is inaccurate, the Louisiana Association did not err when it published the following estimate of his work:

> . . . Before the church began to send missionaries into destitute regions, he at his own expense, and frequently at the risk of his life, came to these parts, preaching the gospel of the Redeemer. For fifty years he was instant in season and out of season, preaching, exhorting, and instructing; regarding not his property, his health or even his life, if he might be the means of turning sinners to Christ.[52]

One of the numerous churches that Willis organized retained him as pastor almost to the end of his life, though he was virtually incapacitated by the debilities of age, and during that period, with enormous affection and profound gratitude, triumphantly announced to the association: "Joseph Willis is still living."[53] Willis requited that sentiment, for displaying the characteristic tenderness of his nature he spoke of the churches he had founded as his children and alluded to them "with all the affection of a father." One of his close friends observed:

> . . . But when he spoke of the fact that two or three of them had already become extinct, his voice failed and he was compelled to give utterance to his feelings by his tears; and surely the heart must have been hard that could not be melted by the manifestation of so much affection, for he wept not alone.[54]

In all the history of Louisiana Baptists it would be difficult, if not impossible, to find a man who suffered more reverses, who enjoyed fewer rewards, or who single-handedly achieved more enduring results for the denomination than did Joseph Willis. He was not learned, nor was he aggressive; but he was capable, earnest, dedicated, and in his manner ideally suited to a frontier ministry.

Perhaps none of his achievements gave Willis greater joy than did the progress of his first church, Calvary Church at Bayou Chicot; yet its progress was not rapid. During the first year it received nine new members. Calvary was identified with the Mississippi Association until 1818, when it went into the organization of the Louisiana Association, but its total membership then numbered only thirteen. Its representatives at that first meeting of Louisiana Association were Joseph Willis and Johnson Sweat. Not unaffected by the de-

[52] Wise, *op. cit.*, p. 121.
[53] Paxton, *op. cit.*, p. 198.
[54] *Ibid.*, p. 188.

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APPENDIX A

JOSEPH WILLIS

Paxton, the pioneer historian of Louisiana Baptists, assumed that Joseph Willis was a mulatto and so stated; he attributed the prejudice against Willis on the part of Mississippi Baptists, at least by implication, to what he considered to be this fact. Before harshly condemning the prejudices from which Willis undeniably suffered in the distant past, however, one needs rightly to place those antebellum times in proper context prior to the social advances of twentieth-century America. Paxton based his assumption on the inescapable truth that Willis' closest friends and associates, who loved and respected him, *believed* that he was a mulatto or that he was at least part Negro. John O'Quin said: "My father's house was his resting place. I also served his church a long time when he was unable to preach; I was very intimate with him; he was not a mulatto, but was somewhat mixed, and very dark skin." John O'Quin's son said that Willis' descendants would "have to bear that reproach."[1] Wise, although sympathetic, concluded that Willis "was of peculiar blood."[2] He was pointedly vague about the nature of that peculiarity. Subsequent historians have skirted the issue.

In recent years the descendants of Willis have denied that he was part Negro and have contended that his father was English and that his mother was part Indian. This contention is based on the testimony of a granddaughter and a grandson of Willis who, as youngsters, attended him in his last days. They reported, when they were aged, that they remembered hearing their grandfather say that his mother was part Indian. Aimuwell Willis—the youngest child of Joseph Willis—who was seventeen years old when his father died and who was illiterate (he signed with a mark), reported substantially the same when he was ninety-three years old.[3] J. H. Strother, a descendant of Willis, asserted that among the settlers from South Carolina at Bayou Chicot, who were friends of Willis, were persons of an unusual ethnic strain, one of whom became Willis' third wife. These settlers later removed to Tenmile Creek

[1] Greene W. Strother, "About Joseph Willis," pp. 8-9.
[2] Ivan M. Wise, *Footsteps of the Flock*, p. 122.
[3] Strother, *op. cit.*, pp. 43-44, 53, 61-62.

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and Willis followed them to that region, where he founded the Occupy Church. There he married his fourth wife, a woman of an ethnic group of uncertain origin commonly, if sometimes unkindly, referred to locally as Redbones. [4]

Joseph Willis was the maternal great-grandfather of Greene W. Strother, a native of Louisiana and former missionary to China. Strother recently asserted that Willis was "the son of a prominent North Carolina colonial English citizen" and that the mother of Willis was "a Cherokee slave woman." He stated further:

> Joseph Willis was his father's only son and heir. His father's brother, Daniel Willis, was witness to the will and executor of the estate. As such, he appealed to (1777) Gov. Richard Caswell, first governor of the independent state of North Carolina, on behalf of the other relatives, that the governor annul the will. It is probable this was not done, but the case was in litigation for some years. Eventually, Willis got a part of the estate, which he sold, after providing for his mother, and moved to South Carolina above Greenville.[5]

Greene Strother referred to Willis as "a half-breed (sometimes called 'mulatto') Indian." Strother's research in recent years convinced him that, concerning the date of Willis' birth, "1758 could be correct."

Even if it were of vital importance, it seems now impossible to determine the precise ethnic background of Joseph Willis. He might have been simply part Indian, as are millions of Americans today. It is doubtful that many today could give any valid guarantee of the ethnic proportions of their blood. Finally, it remains to be said that among the numerous descendants of Joseph Willis have been many Baptist ministers and leaders—leaders who were impressively honorable and unimpeachable in strength of character and integrity and whose devotion to Christ and loyalty to the denomination could never be justly questioned. An excellent example is found in one Strother family: John H., first principal of Acadia Academy and longtime missionary of Louisiana Baptists; Willie, professor at Louisiana College for more than thirty years; Greene W., Southern Baptist missionary to China; Hattie, queenly and beloved dean of women at Louisiana College; and Nellie, educator and prominent Baptist youth leader.

[4] *Ibid.*, pp. 21-25, 43. See the brief discussion of Redbones in T. Lynn Smith and Homer L. Hitt, *The People of Louisiana* (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1952), pp. 45-46.

[5] Letter to the Author from Greene W. Strother, April 27, 1973.

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OSWELL. Searching for maiden name of Catherine Roswell, whose family, described as Pennsylvania Dutch, came to Canada from Penna. between 1831 and 1850. Settled in Ontario, probably Oxford County, though may have been in nearby county of Brant or Norfolk. Daughter Catherine m. John Roswell, *ca.* 1850. The lived in Norwich Twp., Oxford Co., Ontario, in 1851-2. Their daughter, Lydia Jane Roswell, was b. *ca.* 1852. Between 1852 and 1861 John Roswell died and Catherine m. Henry Purdy. Two Purdy daughters were born: May and Julie. There may have been a son also. A search for Catherine's descendants is believed to have taken place from the U.S. in the early 1930's. Anyone with information, please write:

Mrs. Edith J. Harrison, Box 152, Norwich, Ontario, CANADA NOJ IPO

:OTT, THOMAS ALEXANDER. Was this railroad magnate, early employer and partner of Andrew Carnegie, a descendant of Thomas Scott, b. 1739 in Chester Co., Penna. who had a son, Alexander? Thomas (b. 1739) was in 1st and 3rd U.S. Congress from Washington, Penna. Brother Arhur was my great-great-great-grandfather.

Dr. Claude W. Sumerlin, 961 North 8th, Arkadelphia, ARKANSAS 71923 (501) 246-7809

ULLY. Seeking birthplace of Patrick Scully, b. *ca.* 1838, d. 24 Dec. 1910 n Florence, N.J.; husband of Mary Skirm (1836-1908).

John E. Scully, One Spruce Drive, Brookfield Center, CT. 06805

ARL. Seeking information on parents of Francis Searl (1794-1856), bur. 'hiladelphia, Penna., m. Margaret Price (1789-1862). They had one son, ames Clinton Searl (1820- ?), m. Martha Jane Obdyke, Amelia Levenood.

Clinton N. Searl, 2641 Foulk Road, Wilmington, Delaware 19810

:GER/SAEGER. Seek parents and birth of Eva Catherina Seeger/Saeger 'ho d. 9 July 1828 in Stark Co., Ohio. She m. Abraham Lichtenwallner b. 2 July 1753 in Lehigh Co., Penna. Eva's grandfather thought to be)hann Nicholas Saeger from Germany.

Leonard R. Kyle, 9501 Long Hills Drive, Sun City, AZ. 85351

\DDUCK. Information wanted on Asa Shudduck, alleged to be b. in [assachusetts during the late 1700's, m. Arametta _____, emigrated to ent Co., Michigan. Daughter Harriet, b. 1838, m. (1) Joshua Clark, m.) Norman Bailey Tefft in 1870.

Jerry L. Lapham, 2011 Aster Road, Macungie, PA. 18602

:LLENBERGER. Want ancestors of David Shellenberger, b. Lancaster)., Penna., m. Susanna Strickler Olinger, 1811, in Muskingum Co., hio.

Kathryn Smith, 343 Fairmount Ave., Jersey City, N.J. 07306

SIPE. Interested in obtaining informaiton concerning families of Samuel Kline or Jacob Sipe who lived near Licking Creek, Bedford Co., Penna. from 1800 to 1880.

Mark Dennis Kline, P.O. Box 26101, Santa Ana, CA. 92799-6101

SMYTH. Seek parents and wife of William Smyth/Smith b. 1722/3 in County Antrim, Ireland, m. 1769 in Paxtang, Lancaster Co., Penna., d. 26 September 1801 in West Hanover, Dauphin County, Penna.

Alice Smythe McCabe, 2045 Northland Drive, Lawrenceville, GA. 30245

SOPER. Seek information on the ancestry of Mary Soper, b. 19 October 1722, d. 23 March 1800. She m. Jonathan Lapham of Dartmouth, Massachusetts. They resided at Big Nine Partners in Dutchess Co., N.Y.

Jerry L. Lapham, 2011 Aster Road, Macungie, PA. 18062

TAYLOR. Want ancestors of John Taylor, d. 1802 in Loudoun County, VA., and same for wife, Molly.

Kathryn Smith, 343 Fairmount Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey 07306

VANCE. Desire contact with any descendants of Vance family of Lancaster, Penna. Related surnames: Coffman, Stinespring, Grider/Greider, Warren, Thomas, Green, Roller, all in Lancaster. Bare and Horn, outside Lancaster.

Mrs. Doris V. Bias, 730 Tudell Street, Huntington, W. VA. 25704

WEIDNER. Need the parents of Maria Weidner. She m. David Heller (second wife) on 21 October 1836 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Red Hill, Montgomery Co., Penna. When and where was she born? She was buried on 2 October 1842 at Christ Lutheran Church Cemetery, Trumbaursville, Bucks Co., Penna.

Mrs. Mary Heller Deaves, 9318 Marler Road, Spring Hill, Florida 33526

WILLETS. Seeking ancestry of Deborah Willets, b. 14 January 1712 and m. Samuel Willson II on 13 May 1732. They resided in Sussex Co., N.J. and were members of the Friends.

Jerry L. Lapham, 2011 Aster Road, Macungie, PA. 18062

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VAN ORMER. Need information on parents of Joseph Van Ormer, born 1826 in Juniata County, PA; married (1) Sarah Jane Cubbison and (2) Rachael Harshberger.

Dale A. Britten, 154-C E. Louther St., Carlisle, PA 17013.

WASHBURN. Seeking ancestry of Nancy Jemima Washburn, born circa 1803 at Middletown, Delaware County, NY; married in 1822 by Squire Ives in Elkland, PA, to Ransom Cady. Believed to be foster daughter of one John Brown of Tioga County.

Miriam Cady Natirboff, 30 Waterside Plaza Apt. 30-J, New York, NY 10010.

WEST–FORD. Searching for parents of Sarah West Ford, born circa 1808, died 14 May 1850, East Nantmeal Township, Chester County, PA. Was wife of Nehemiah Ford, age 42, and mother of Margaret, Hannah, Manning, Benjamin, Mary Ann, John Wesley, Isaac, Elizabeth, Nathan Catherine, and Sarah. Said to be related to the "cat-tail painter," Benjamin West.

Virginia Clemmons, 9891 Garden Grove Blvd., Garden Grove, CA 92644.

WHARTON. Request ancestry of Sarah (Sally) Wharton, born 25 December 1749, probably Cumberland County, PA, died 1 February 1841, Bourbon County, KY, married Thomas Henderson 4 February 1772, PA or VA. Children: Mary McCulloch, Ellenor (Polly), Jane Patterson, John, James W., Thomas, Elizabeth Patterson, Sarah Henry, Samuel, and Eleanor Wise.

Raymond Banta, 8805 Madison Apt. 308-B, Indianapolis, IN 46227.

WHEELER–HURLEY–BARTHOLOMEW–GAIR. Need information on John Austin and Mary (Hurley) Wheeler, both from Williamsport, Lycoming County, PA, Mary born 1894. Also need information on parentage of Benjamin Franklin Bartholomew, born 17 March 1874, and Jenny Hazel Gair, born 9 April 1908, both from Lycoming County.

Linda Bryan, 5543 Tanner St., Mt. Olive, AL 35117.

WHITLOCK–KASE–LISTER–TITLEY. Wish to correspond with anyone researching these surnames in PA, NJ, or NY. John Whitlock was Postmaster of Muncy, Lycoming County, PA, from 1849 to 1857. Who were his parents?

Charles W. Rockett, 25742 Appian Way, Mission Viejo, CA 92691.

WILLITS. Seeking information on descendants of Thomas Willits, born probably 16 March 1682/3, Jericho, NY; married (1) 1706 to Catharine Hallock; married (2) 1719/20 Rachel Powell. Thomas Willits died 1772 or later, possibly in Berks County, PA. His sons: Isaac (born circa 1730) and Isaiah (born 19 December 1732).

Ted L. Bartlett, 5512 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago, IL 60640.